



JANUARY 2022

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's Beloved People!

Happy New Year 2022.

I hope your holidays were festive, filling and fulfilling. May the Christ Child, whose birth we celebrated once again, continue to be sought for in the manglers of the hearts of all God's people as we do mission and ministry together.

2022 shapes up to be a very pivotal year for the future of Zion Lutheran Church. We are entering into the second phase of the discernment and transition season, I call the "Mission Study and Mission Goal Process. The goal is that through these small groups, Mission Goals will surface that will inform everything to happen in the next chapter of ZLC's ministry, including who to call as Lead Pastor. The projected timeline is as follows (in bullet-point format):

- **January 2022** Training for Mission Study Small Groups
January 16 Between services in the Fellowship Hall Power Point presentation on The Timeline: Phases II and III
- **February -March 2022** Mission Study Groups meet, either in homes or on campus
- **April-May 2022** Review of Small Group responses by Council and Group Leaders, towards preparation of PowerPoint summary
Council can begin nomination of Call Committee process, not before, as I want everyone participation and prayers to be focused on the Small Groups
- **May 22, 2022** (or before) PowerPoint Presentation and Summary of Mission Study Small Groups
- **June-Sept. 2022** Call Committee works with Pr. Renee of the South Dakota Synod-ELCA in preparation of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP)
- **Sept. 2022- ????? 2023** Phase III The Interview Phase is launched

Some things to keep in mind:

Every interim setting is different, and this process and projected (and I stress projected) timeline takes on a life of its own. It may be shorter than we think to our pleasant surprise, or it will take longer than we wish.

The interview stage is all dependent on the given # of candidates at any given time, and who are a potential match for the Mission Goals of ZLC.

Pastors are in mobility year-round, so do not fret about missing the "strike-while-the-iron-is-hot" times (Spring-fall).

The Interview Phases lasts typically several-12 months or more, depending on matching candidates available and successful interviews.

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December 2021 Council Highlights

- Council looked at and approved the proposed 2022 budget. This budget will be available for review in the annual reports; these will be ready toward the latter part of January.
- The Sunday School Christmas Program was held on the 19th and was a great success!
- The Properties Committee put together an inclement weather team to make decisions on church closures if the need arises.
- Council proposed and voted to change worship service protocols back to what we were doing pre-Covid: two communion lines, passing of the offering plates, more traditional sharing of the peace as people are comfortable. These changes will take place starting with the January 2nd services and as volunteer staffing allows.

Special Offering for January is Journey Home!

The Journey Home is focused on individuals who are committed to changing their life.

Our goal is to provide struggling people in our community with a hand up, not a hand out.

Your donations, whether material or financial, will help us help them.

Go to www.journeyhomesd.org to learn more.

Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park!! - Hello from Noah's Park!! We have been busy little elves the past few weeks getting ready for our Christmas programs and doing lots of gingerbread activities. We read several different gingerbread books – all with different endings and talked about which endings we liked and which ones we didn't. We sampled gingerbread cookies and made the cooking tasting a math activity by graphing our first bite. In case you're wondering... most of the children took their first bite from the gingerbread's head!! :) We have a Santa's Hat letter matching game that is a huge hit – maybe because you can earn a Hershey's Kiss to eat if you can name the letters!! We had a great time with our student teacher, Miss Scott, and were sad when it was time for her to move on to another school! We hope she pops in for one of our programs!! We are getting ready to finish up 2021 with programs, pajamas and lots of Christmas fun!! Christmas Blessings to all of you from all of us!! ~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

Lois Sollie

Angelhaus

Harold Hoffman

Bethesda Town Sq.

Meta Vetter
Shirley Wagemann
Viola Tetherow
Gladys Voegele
Lorraine Kusler

Groton Health Care

Leon Tobin
Joe & Ruth Bosmoe

Primrose

LaVon Eisen

Milbank

Marge Rhodes

Minnesota

LeRoy Buechler

California

Erna Schmierer

Colorado

Ella Aipperspach



"GRATEFUL FOR YOU"

- ☺ Thanks to Carmel Heyd and Millie Suchomel for setting up the Christmas villages that were sold for the organ restoration.
- ☺ A big thanks to the German family for helping assemble our monthly newsletter and mailings.
- ☺ Thanks to Shane Shauer for donating an extra snow blower to the church.
- ☺ Thanks to all of the musicians who played or sang at worship during the Advent season.
- ☺ Thanks to all of the Sunday School helpers musicians, staff, children and their families.
- ☺ A BIG thanks to all who helped with Worship assisting, PowerPoint & sound system for any services.
- ☺ Thanks to Sue Gates for playing the piano and filling in for Sonya.
- ☺ Thanks to Jami, our preschool teacher, and all her students for the wonderful Christmas programs they performed.
- ☺ Thank you to Cyndi Schauer for helping Deb Hardy & Nicole Kempf with communion.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



Tree of Saints

Thank you to everyone who purchase a remembrance ornament for the Tree of Saints. We sold over 40 total!

Those who purchased ornaments are welcome to remove them from the tree and take them home at any time.

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.

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Every interim process, no matter the state of health of, and sense of mission in a congregation, is a wonderful gift and opportunity to step back and look at the big picture of strengths to celebrate, challenges and opportunities to embrace, and Mission Goals to name.

Please know that while I am going to proceed expediently on my part, I'm also going to make sure that we take the time necessary for this process to be a success, with the goal to Zion Lutheran Church into the best place of strength possible with clearly defined Mission Goals for the next chapter of ministry, in order to interview qualified, excited, and exciting candidates. This is the core part of the process that will truly set the table for the interview phase and for your coming chapter of ministry. Let's make it count, folks!

Please understand that this process is for my benefit as well. As responses come in from the groups, I will gain a deeper understanding of what the pulse of the congregation is in all these matters, towards helping inform what I, for my part, will be recommending. Please note also that I will not attend these Mission Study Groups, as I do not want my presence to influence how participants will respond.

We are a team in this process namely myself, the Council, the congregation and the Synod; not to mention the good Lord. We always need to keep in mind that God has a huge stake in this process too, and is why we as leaders need to be in continued prayer, seeking God's guidance and will through this whole interim process.

Let's make this process sing, God's Beloved People!

Respectfully and in Partnership,
Mark P Galbraith
Lead Interim Pastor



Faith and Family



Progressive Supper

Our next progressive supper will be on **Sunday, January 30th**.
Open to middle and high school youth. Bring a friend! We will meet at Zion at 4:30 pm, and we will take the church van to our different locations. Kids will be returned for pick-up or can be dropped off at home after the event upon request.

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 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.

There will be no youth group on Sunday, January 2nd; however, we will resume on Sunday, January 9th.



Zion Happenings



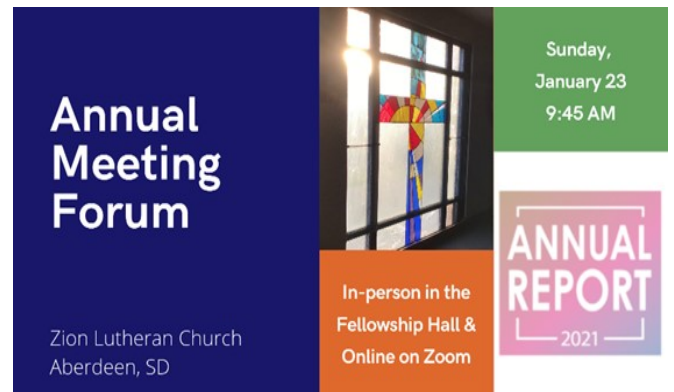
Mission Study Presentation

Pastor Mark will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation on the "Mission Study Timeline", outlining Phase II in our season of interim ministry and discernment on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 9:45 AM in the fellowship hall, between worship services.

He will outline the mission study process, that will lead to defining Spirit-led, Word-filled mission goals that will define the next chapter of Zion Lutheran Church's ministry, and also inform the kind of pastor God is leading Zion to call to partner in ministry with Zion. Please join us for this very special presentation.

Annual Meeting Forum

There will be an annual meeting forum held on Sunday, January 23rd between services (9:45 AM) in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will allow congregational members to view the annual report and ask any questions they may have ahead of the annual meeting the following week. This forum will be both in-person and online. Please see the bulletins and MailChimp emails in the coming month for more information.



Annual Meeting

The annual congregation meeting for Zion will be held on Sunday, January 30th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a potluck followed by the meeting. An online Zoom option will also be available to join and vote during the meeting; pre-registration will be required. Please see the bulletins and MailChimp emails in the coming month for more information.

Winter Vendor & Craft Fair

Zion will be hosting a Winter Vendor & Craft Fair on Saturday, February 5th, starting at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to have a booth in the event, please call the church office at 225-6755. Cost is \$30.

If any Zion committees would like to sell items at the event, the registration fee will be waived.

At least 10-15 vendors will be needed to hold this event.



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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:

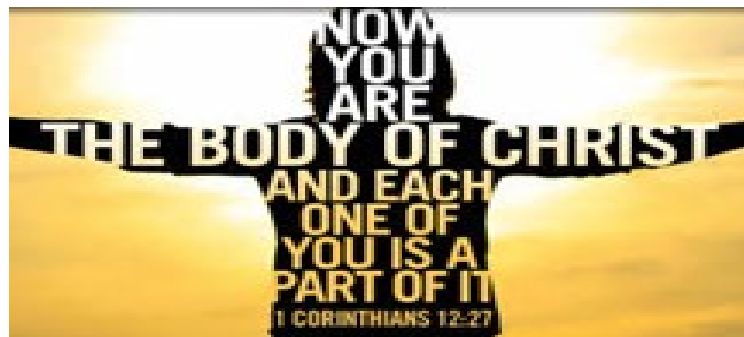
Kelly VanderWeyst.....Education
Kathy Johnson.....Fellowship
Vacant.....Finance
Shane Schauer.....Properties
Nicole Schutter.....Social Concerns
Mary Kost.....Stewardship
Vacant.....Visitation
Norma Nielsen.....Welcome & Outreach
Kathy Heffernan.....Worship & Music
Vacant.....Youth

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who remembered us this holiday season with cards & gifts

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas.

Thanks, Zion Staff



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

THROUGH November 31, 2021

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$33,000.00

Actual November income: \$28,430.00

Actual November expenses: 30,618.00

ZION MEMORIALS

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Lorraine Wasem	Organ Fund	Lois Sollie
Lorraine Wasem	Organ Fund	Todd Mork
Lorraine Wasem	Organ Fund	Carmel Heyd
Marvin Bucholz	Organ Fund	Carmel Heyd
Charles Gustafson	Organ Fund	Carmel Heyd
Eldean Poel	Organ Fund	Carmel Heyd
Lorraine Wasem	Organ Fund	Bob\Charis Gilbert
Lorraine Wasem	Organ Fund	Jessica Hansen
Lorraine Wasem	Organ Fund	Amberline Pierce
Eldean Poel	Organ Fund	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Eldean Poel	Organ Fund	Ray\Marcie Andersh
ZLCW	Building Fund	Sally Isaacson
ZLCW	Building Fund	John Guthmiller
ZLCW	Building Fund	Tammy Paulsen
ZLCW	Building Fund	Alice Heckel
ZLCW	Building Fund	Gerald Guy
ZLCW	Building Fund	Darrell Sorensen
ZLCW	Building Fund	Marvin Bucholz
ZLCW	Building Fund	Charles Gustafson
ZLCW	Building Fund	Lorraine Wasem
ZLCW	Building Fund	Robin Schaunaman

<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Sue Gates	Organ Fund	Sonya Kempf
Sonya Kempf	Organ Fund	Sue Gates

Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

We have several openings for this new year! 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 in 2021!

Faith and Family



7&8 Grade Confirmation Classes

Wednesday evening confirmation classes with Pastor Mark will begin on January 12th at 6:30 PM. Supper will be served from 6-6:30 PM for all 7th and 8th grade students and parents. A letter will be mailed the first week of January with more information; if you have any questions, please be sure to contact Sandra at the church office (225-6755).

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 or from the table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.



Super Bowl Soup

Soups are back for "Souper Bowl" Sunday, February 13th. The Organ Committee will be featuring Turkey Noodle & Knoephla Soup.

All proceeds will go to the Organ Restoration. Be watching for more details in the upcoming bulletins and February newsletter.

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.



Life Line Screening

Take a step toward staying healthy and active. Life Line screen goes beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health. Life Line will be holding a screening day at Zion on Friday, February 11, 2022. See the kiosk for more information or grab a pink flyer by the main church entrance.

Make your appointment today as they fill up fast.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS - The Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home Devotionals are put out each quarter and are located on the backside of the card rack? Remember to get your copy today.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

Web: zionlutheranaberdeen.org

YouTube: bit.ly/ZLCYouTube

Facebook: facebook.com/ZionAberdeen

Facebook: facebook.com/zlcaberdeenyouth

Instagram: [@zlcaberdeensd](https://instagram.com/zlcaberdeensd)

SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fireside Room. Join us January 4th, 2021 at 6 PM. This is a non-denominational group and there is no charge. Just come and share.

CHURCH PHONE
225-6755

PASTOR MARK'S #
360-325-3227

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 a.m.

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 Sandra 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!

ELCA Youth Gathering Update

Thank you to all who have supported us through prayer and fundraisers so far! We continue to prepare spiritually and financially for our upcoming trip to Minneapolis at the end of July.

If you would like to help our efforts, we have more fundraisers approaching, including the bulletin board display in the narthex, and we also encourage lifting us up in your prayers!

Join the Council for Common Grounds



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, January 9th at 9:45** in the fellowship hall.

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

Organ Restoration Gifts

As you remember your loved ones through out the new year, please consider making a gift in their memory to our Organ Restoration fund. No gift is too small to help us complete the project, and it is a great way to honor their memory.

Organ Committee

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

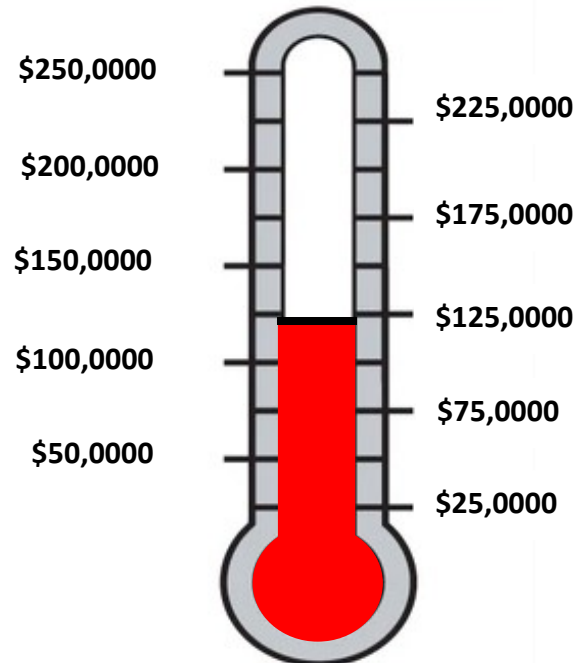
A very big thank you to all who make our return of the German Fest such a huge success. We could not have done it without all of YOU!

See the pictures from the German Fest Day below:

Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$74,161.00
Unpaid pledges - \$49,229.51
Total project funds - \$123,390.51

Our Goal: \$250,000



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$126,609.49



Christmas Eve Services

We had over two hundred twenty-five people worship at Zion during our two Christmas Eve services. Thank you to all the musicians and volunteers who made these services possible!

To the right is a picture from the 3:30 PM service when Silent Night was being sung by candlelight.



Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School held their annual Christmas program during the 10:45 service on Sunday, December 19th. They performed a skit with a delivery person dropping off a package containing puzzle pieces for the Sunday School kids and concluded their program with the retelling of the Christmas story.

Thank you to the Education Committee and all the volunteers who made this event possible!



Christmas Poinsettias

Thanks to all who donated or gave money to purchase poinsettias for Christmas.

From:
His family
Harvey & Deb Hardy

In Memory Of:
Jordan Daniel Heyd
Our Parents

From:
Ray & Marcie Andersh
(2 plants)
Herman Sukut & Shana
Duane & Della Mullner
Delila Norton
Doug & Sharlene Wanttie

To:
The Glory of the Savior of
the risen world!



Happenings at Zion



Baptism and New Member Installation

We welcomed Bryan Theodore Stanek into the Lord's family through the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, December 19th at the 8:30 AM service.

Immediately following, we installed the whole Stanek family as new Zion members. Welcome to Brent, Becky, Brom, and Bryan!



A very special thank you to Millie Suchomel, Carmel Heyd, and Kathy Job for cooking and serving for two of our Advent Suppers!



Thank you to our Zion quilters for making and displaying all these beautiful quilts that they made available for sale. Thanks to all who purchased a quilt and supported their ministry work!



On December 22 and 23, the Noah's Park Christian Preschool classes held Christmas programs for their family and friends. They included three songs the kids sang and a retelling of the Christmas story using a nativity set. Above are pictures from two of the preschool classes at their programs.