



MARCH 2022

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's Beloved People at Zion Lutheran Church:

As we are embraced into the season of Lent, I share a wonderful write-up, beautifully summarizing the meaning of this season, by Sarah Phillips of Crosswalk.com:

What is Lent - A Time Set Aside

"Just as we set aside time to spiritually prepare for Christmas Day, it makes sense to set aside time to prepare for the two most important days of the Christian year. Lent is a time that offers us an opportunity to come to terms with the human condition we may spend the rest of the year running from and it brings our need for a Savior to the forefront. Like Advent, Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer.

But unlike the childlike joy associated with the season of Advent, with it's eager anticipation of the precious baby Jesus, Lent is an intensely penitential time as we examine our sinful natures and return to the God we have, through our own rebelliousness, hurt time and again. Lent is also an opportunity to contemplate what our Lord really did for us on the Cross - and it wasn't pretty. But ultimately, the purpose of Lent does not stop at sadness and despair - it points us to the hope of the Resurrection and the day when every tear will be dried (Rev. 21:3).

And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:33-49

Although the nature of suffering is not one that offers itself to easy explanations or pat answers, the answers we seek seem to make the most sense in light of the Cross. There is nothing in the world - no religion, philosophy, or material comfort - that offers such a powerful answer to life's toughest questions as the two slabs of wood on which our Savior died. Although I was drawn to Christianity in search of joy, it's the Cross that keeps me coming back day after day, year after year. It is this time of year, known as Lent, that I am reminded of what Jesus did for me.

When I look into the eyes of our suffering God, I'm in awe - suddenly the complexity of our Lord, the love of our Lord, the humanity of our Lord shows through. I realize God is not just some nebulous energy source or a grandfather sitting in the clouds - He is so much more. The Cross is where our faith stands when all other faith's fail. Christ's sacrifice and his subsequent resurrection are the true "cruxes" of the Christian faith. Without one there would be no salvation, without the other, no hope. This is why Good Friday and the following Easter Sunday are the most important dates on the Christian calendar - even more so than Christmas."

Please take full advantage of our Lenten worship experiences, including Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, with Holy Communion, and Wednesday Midweek Lenten services with soup supper before. Confirmation classes will meet immediately following supper and services.

A Sunday morning worship service sermon series will be "The 5 Purposes of the Church". Based on applicable biblical texts, the series is also based on Rick Warren (pastor of Saddleback Church in CA), work "The Purpose-Driven Church". As congregations faithfully in ministry via the 5 purposes, i.e., worship, evangelism, learning, fellowship and service, congregations experience growth and vitality in mission and passionate ministry. This exploration will contribute to our listening to God for Mission Goals that will define Zion's next chapter of ministry.

In Partnership,
Mark Galbraith; Intentional Interim Pastor

February 2022 Council Highlights

- Staff reviews were completed with full-time staff members at the beginning of the month. Council will meet with the preschool committee and Jami at the end of the school year for her yearly review.
- There are two openings for the kitchen committee.
- The Organ Restoration Committee and congregational volunteers sold almost 400 quarts of soup and raised nearly \$3000 for the organ fund.
- Lenten worship services will be at 12:15 PM and 6:05 PM; Maundy Thursday evening worship will include First Communion.

Special Offering for March is SDSU Campus Ministry!

The South Dakota State University Lutheran Center is a place of grace, love, and acceptance. No matter where you come from, God loves and welcomes you, and so do we.

We are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. The mission of campus ministry in the ELCA is to invite people in academic settings to engage more deeply with the teachings of Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples.

ELCA campus ministry is a ministry for students, faculty, staff and others on campus, not just a ministry for Lutherans. It provides an ELCA presence at SDSU.

Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park!! - I guess winter decided to make a comeback! We sure were excited to get outside to play on the snow hill a couple weeks ago - now with the frigid temperatures we are back inside. We have been doing our obstacle course for indoor recess and got out our parachute last week. The parachute was a huge hit with all the classes, so I'm sure we will be doing a lot more with it!! I am bringing back ice cream sundaes for my birthday treats so I am looking forward to that. I set up a little ice cream sundae bar and each child gets to come up and order their ice cream sundae just the way they want it! We have mini gummy bears this year which is a brand new topping choice! We had a great time celebrating Valentine's Day - we made tissue paper hearts, passed out Valentines and had cooking day. The older children have been playing a more than/less than card game which they absolutely love. The ultimate goal is to beat the teacher - which they are surprisingly good at doing! We look forward to seeing what mischief the leprechauns have in store for us in March!! Until then - stay warm!
~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.

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"GRATEFUL FOR YOU"

☺ Thanks to Sharlene Wanttie for all of her hard work in making the Vendor & Craft Fair such a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

☺ Thanks to the men of Zion for all their time, skills, and dedication in the making of Zion's faith chests for all of our baptisms.

☺ Thank you to all who purchased soup for the Organ Restoration fundraiser—all total, the committee sold almost 400 quarts. A special thank you to all of the volunteers who spent time calling people and those who came to help make soup; there was a lot of hard work and love that was poured into this project!



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!

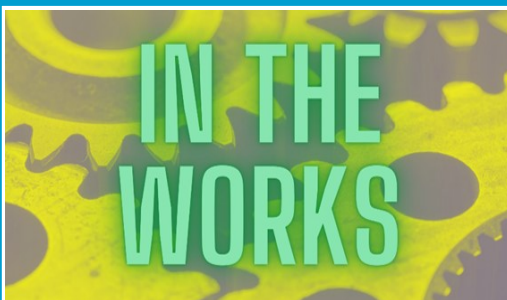
A bucket will remain at the back of the sanctuary on the offering table for you to use to donate noisy (or quiet) offering on the other Sundays of the month.



Midweek Lenten Services

Join us for midweek Lenten services that focus on "The Temptations of Jesus". Service times are 12:15 PM and 6:05 PM, with a meal served a half hour before the service (and to-go meal options available after the 12:15 PM service).

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services, which will be held on **Wednesday, March 2** and will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.



In the Works

The Worship and Music Committee is working on service times for Holy Week and Easter. Stay tuned to bulletins this month and the April newsletter for final details!

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 & 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 360-325-3227.

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

Faith and Family



Progressive Supper

Our next progressive supper will be on **Sunday, March 27th**. 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 us for a time of fellowship, service, faith, and fun! Come as you are, and join in when you can!

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

Just a reminder: there will be no youth group on March 13 or March 20 (spring break weekends).



Zion Scholarships

Zion will once again award two \$350 scholarships for the coming academic year. One will go to a 2022 high school graduate and one to a continuing college student.

See the application for full instructions. Printed applications are now available in the fellowship hall. Completed applications should be returned to the church no later than April 10, 2022 at 12:00 PM or emailed to Pastoral Assistant Sandra at:

Sandra.Anderson@nvc.net

You can also find the application on our website at zionlutheranaberdeen.org/signupcentral



Sunday School

Just a reminder that there will be no Sunday School on March 13 or March 20 for Spring Break.



Faith and Family



9th Grade Confirmation

There will be a meeting for all ninth-grade confirmation students and an adult on Sunday, March 13th at 1:00 PM. We will be checking in on faith mentor meetings (don't panic if you haven't started!) and discussing our group service project options. Please be sure to let Sandra know if you are unable to attend the meeting.

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.



Prayer Pillow Faith Milestone

All children born in 2018 and their parents are invited to join Pastoral Assistant Sandra for a Prayer Pillow Faith Milestone event on Sunday, March 27th. We will present Prayer Pillows to our 3- and 4-year-olds at the 8:30 & 10:45 services; then, these children and their parents are invited to a special event at 9:45 AM that day in Classrooms A&B. We'll have a lot of fun learning about prayer together!

Lock-In

The youth committee is currently in the process of planning a lock-in for kids in grades 6-10 on Friday, March 11th – Saturday, March 12th. You are welcome to invite a friend (friends must also be grades 6-10). If you are interested in attending this event, let Sandra know by no later than Monday, March 7th.

There will be lots of different activities to do throughout the time, and all food will be provided.



Summer Camp Registration

If you have a 3rd grade student or older, it's time to start thinking about summer options for camp! Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota offers three different locations with options to suit whatever interests you have!

If you are interested in applying for camp, please speak with Sandra as soon as possible so we can get you registered and discuss fundraising options. There are some scholarship funds available, as well!

Prices will go up on April 15th.



Happenings at Zion

Freezer Meal Prep Day

It's Freezer Meal prep time once again at Zion, and the Mission and Outreach Committee needs your help.

Head out to the table in the narthex and pick up an ingredient card or two, go shopping for the ingredients, and bring them back to Zion by **Friday, March 18!**

If you would like to help make the meals to fill the freezer, please join the committee on Sunday, March 20th at noon in the kitchen. We always welcome new volunteers 😊 Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



Scholarship Fund

Each year, the Education sub-committee awards two scholarships: one to a high school senior and one to a current college student. Our funding for these scholarship awards is low. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, please do so in the church office.



Spring Bazaar

Mark your calendar! The ZLCW are making plans for the Bazaar, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd. Be thinking of how you can be involved, and get those crafts finished!

Kuchen baking will be the day before. Also, we would like to add a Kids' Corner, so if you have any toys to donate, you have time to check the kids' closets.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Nicole Schutter, who earned her doctorate in education!

Nicole is a Zion member and principal at Mike Miller Elementary School here in Aberdeen.

Way to go, Dr. Schutter!



Sunday School Decorations

Our Sunday School preschool class made hearts to remind them that Jesus loves them, just in time for Valentine's Day! Be sure to stop and see these cute decorations on display in the Fellowship Hall. Below are the preschool kids shown with their hearts.



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Staff

Pastor Mark Galbraith.....Interim Pastor
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 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.

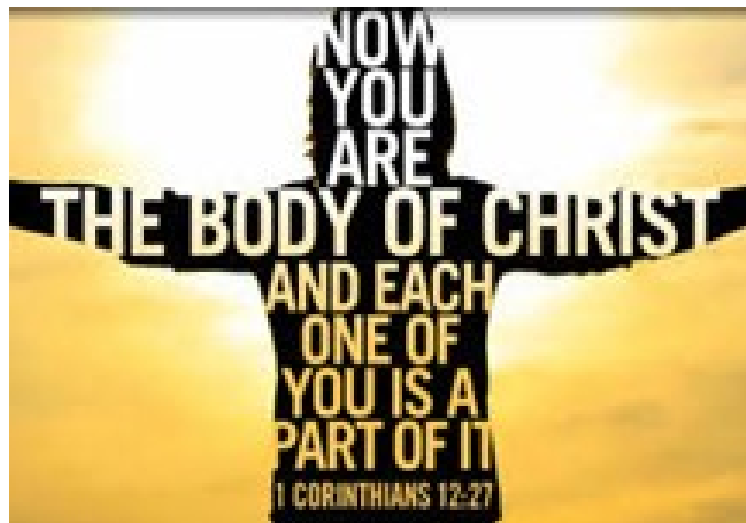
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STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

THROUGH January 31, 2022

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$36,000.00

Actual January Income: \$28,300.85

Actual January Expenses: \$33,470.77

ZION MEMORIALS

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Beth Anne Carson	Organ	Sue Gates
Beth Anne Carson	Organ	Jeanette Scherr
Beth Anne Carson	Organ	George\Nyla Stewart
Beth Anne Carson	Organ	Kent\Susan Edson
Beth Anne Carson	Organ	Del\Carol Lowe
Beth Anne Carson	Organ	Lynae Poel
Beth Anne Carson	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Beth Anne Carson	Organ	Loren\April Nehlich
Beth Anne Carson	Organ	Patty Kirkpatrick
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Richard Anderson	General Fund	Peggy Serfoss

Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

We have several openings in the coming weeks! If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday!

Available dates: March 6, 13; April 3, 24

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS NEEDED

Call the office at
 225-6755 to sign up

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 \$110 for whole broadcast
 \$55 for half

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 is 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 starts 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!



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, March 6th at 9:45 AM** in the fellowship hall.

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

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

Special thanks to all the organ committee members. They have been working hard on all the fundraisers. If you haven't yet, please pray about it and consider filling out your pledge card and returning it to the church office. Together we can do this.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH IS ON INSTAGRAM

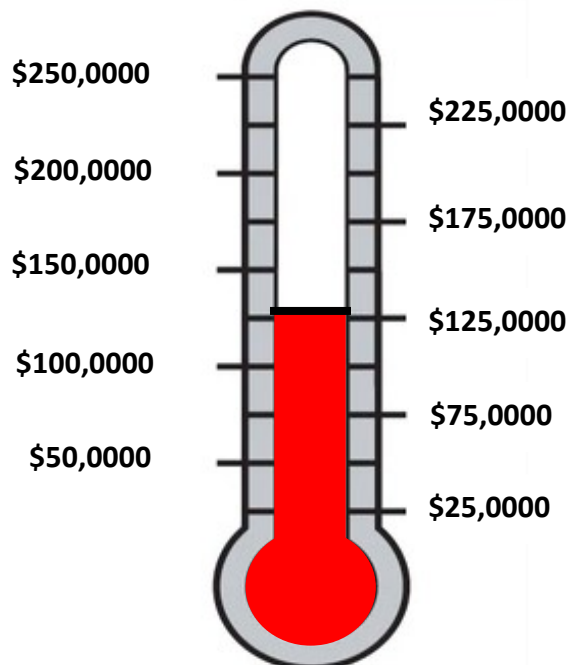
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Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$78,444.47
Unpaid pledges - \$48,318.83
Total project funds - \$126,763.33

Our Goal: \$250,000



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$126,323.67

Silent Auction



Basket Silent Auction

The basket silent auction will start on Wednesday, March 2nd. Baskets will be displayed in the narthex and can be bid on through Wednesday March 16th at 6:45 PM (after midweek Lenten worship). Those who win the bids can pick up their items from the office during the week or from Sandra on Sunday morning. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit those taking a service-learning trip this summer.

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.

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

STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

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CHURCH PHONE
225-6755

PASTOR MARK'S #
360-325-3227

Mission Study Small Groups



The purpose of these Mission Study Small Groups is to come together on the "Holy Ground" (Exodus 3:4-5) of each others hearts, and in the presence of God, to converse and listen to each other and God in order to discern Mission Goals that will define Zion's next chapter of ministry, including who to call as next Lead Pastor.

This is your opportunity, Great and Holy People of God of Zion Lutheran Church, to give voice to the shape of Zion's next chapter of ministry.

Sign up sheets are on a table (with the green tablecloth) in the narthex. You may sign-up there or call the church office to register your attendance (225-6755). If one of these meeting times doesn't work for your schedule but you would like to participate, please call and discuss that with us!

You only need to come to one group meeting.

Please take full advantage of this opportunity to help shape the next chapter of Zion's ministry via Spirit-led and Word-filled Mission Goals.

The remaining dates and times are:

• March 6	10:00-11:30 AM	ZLC—Classrooms A&B
• March 8	7:30-9:00 PM	Lager's—20 3rd Ave SW
• March 12	10:00-11:30 AM	Zion Lutheran Church TBD
• March 13	12:00-1:30 PM	Zion Lutheran Church TBD
• March 20	12:00-1:30 PM	ZLC—Friendship Room
• March 20	5:30-7:00 PM	ZLC—Friendship Room

Dates in bold have child care available.

These are the questions you will be sharing your opinion on at the small group sessions:

1. What makes your heart sing about Zion?
2. What are the challenges and opportunities before Zion into the next chapter of ministry?
3. What are the Mission Goals you discern God calling Zion to embrace for the next chapter of ministry?
4. What are you willing to change insofar as how Zion "does church", so these Mission Goals become alive?
5. What are the Gifts of Ministry (not personal qualities) the next Lead Pastor must have to partner with Zion into these Mission Goals?