



JUNE & JULY 2022

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's beloved People of Zion Lutheran Church:

By the time you read this, I will be settled into my new call here in SoCal. Thank you, again for all your expressions of support, prayers, and well-wishes. It was truly my joy and pleasure to serve with you as Interim Pastor. As I said in my letter, I believe Zion is well-positioned to soon complete all the necessary tasks in the interim season to begin interviews with well-qualified candidates for Lead Pastor. I am proud that we completed the core interim work together, including the Mission Study. As an exciting development, a contract with Lutheran Campus Ministry, to rent office space here at Zion, and have a home-base for ministry to the campus community, is in process. What an exciting partnership this will be for both Zion and LCM.

As a friendly reminder of next steps you can anticipate:

- The Bishop's Office is in conversation with Zion Council about pulpit supply and possible continued interim pastoral coverage.
- Your council is now busy with nominating and appointing a call committee. Call committees are usually 5 to 7 people, comprised of a balance of men and women, a variety of ages and representation from the congregation.
- Upon appointment of the call committee, they will begin to fill out the Ministry Site Profile, per the Synodical Call Process Manual. When that is completed, Pastor Renee will come to Zion to do a mission study site visit. She will meet with the congregation and walk through the draft of the MSP, through those eyes of a potential candidate, ask questions, and give feedback as if she were a candidate. The congregation will also have a chance to have input in the final crafting of the MSP, affirming "yes this is what sounds like us", or "no this is not who we are". If further work need to be done on the MSP, it will be given to the Call Committee for any revisions and changes.
- Upon approval of the final draft of the MSP by both the council and the Bishop's office, it will be released nationally on the database, for candidates to read and consider if the Holy Spirit is leading whether or not to be interviewed.
- The Ministry Site Profile is going to be the first impression that candidates will get of Zion Lutheran Church, so it is highly important that the call committee has the best and most capable representation of Zion members who will do this task with purpose and excellence, so as to present a true, honest, and authentic portrayal of Zion Lutheran Church, its strengths and challenges, and most importantly Mission Goals.
- The ministry site profile is going to be Zion Lutheran Church's résumé, so make it count, stand out, and sing! This is what will set the table for the entire interview process towards the calling of Zion's next Lead Pastor.

Be in continual and serious prayer and continued listening to God and each other. As we all are in the Season of Pentecost, trust and rest that God's Ever-Active Presence, The Holy Spirit, is guiding this process.

Remember, no time is wasted time during this season of interim ministry and transition. You will learn so much about yourself, each other, and God. God's got this! Because God's got you, the great and holy people of Zion Lutheran Church!

The Peace of Christ be with you,
Pastor Mark Galbraith

Council Highlights

- There will be a procession for Pentecost Sunday on June 5.
- A proposal was brought to Council for Lutheran Campus Ministries to rent an office space at Zion.
- The water heater needed to be replaced. The cost to do so will be around \$10,000.
- Coffee hour will be held before the summer service; only coffee will be served.
- Cleaning and inventory for the kitchen will be held during the second week in June.
- Council discussed candidates for the Call Committee. The Council will vote electronically once all candidate names have been received.

Special Offering

June is SD Companion Synods

Our mission is to develop strong relationships between the SD Synod and the church body in Cameroon and in Nicaragua. For more information on our companion synod relationships please contact the Companion Synod

Coordinator at:

companion-synod@sdsynod.org.



South Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

July is Lutheran World Relief

At Lutheran World Relief, we envision a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives. Affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering.

Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park!! We have finished another awesome year!! We ended our year with activities about bugs and seeds. The children were able to grow cups of grass seeds to take home and we also started green bean seeds in Ziploc baggies in our windows! These were a little slow to start, but when the sun finally came out, they grew fast and I think everyone got to take home some healthy starter plants! The children were fascinated with the preserved bugs I had ordered and they spent lots of time studying them with the magnifying glass. The older children made caterpillars and butterflies at their end of the year celebration with their families. We passed out certificates, and they made a snack with their families as well. This was a nice way to send them off to kindergarten! We were able to go to Storybook Land and Twist Cone with all three classes. It was especially fun this year since we missed out the last couple years due to Covid. The children had a blast at the park and eating ice cream!!! Have a great summer!!



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

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"GRATEFUL FOR YOU"

- ☺ A very special thanks to Mike German, Pastor Mark, Art, Carmel Heyd, Millie Suchomel & Kathy Job for helping load and haul the leftover rummage items. Thanks to all who brought rummage items.
- ☺ Thanks to Judy Albl for planting the big flower pots outside the front doors.
- ☺ A very special thanks to Gary and Kathy Job for the tape for the office.
- ☺ Thanks to Ed Suchomel & Millie Suchomel for finding and purchasing the prayer book that a parishioner was looking for.
- ☺ Thanks to all who had a hand in taking down the tables and chairs after the Spring Bazaar.
- ☺ Thanks to Art for taking down the Easter cross.
- ☺ Thanks to all of you who have a hand in keeping the services running smoothly here at Zion.

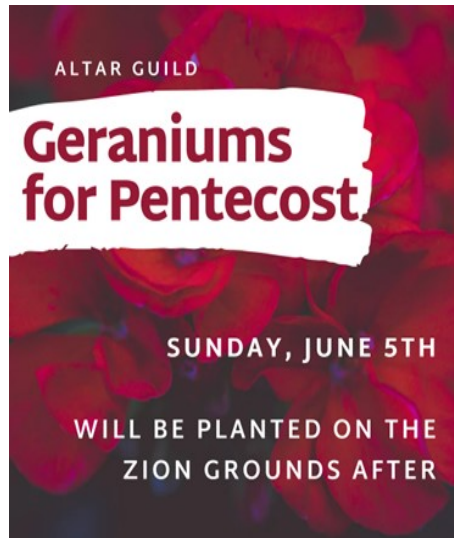


Noisy Offering

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.

Geraniums



Altar Guild invites you to bring red geraniums to beautify the sanctuary for Pentecost on Sunday, June 5th. If you prefer, you may give money to the church office and it will be used to purchase geraniums.

After Pentecost, they will be planted outdoors in front of the church. We need several plants to make this possible. Please attach a note if you want your plant to memorialize or honor someone.

Also, don't forget to wear red to worship on Sunday, June 5!

Kitchen Clean-Up



Cleaning of the kitchen will be on June 8 and 9, starting at 9:00 AM each day.

All are welcome come and join in on the fun!

Lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

Zion Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar

The ZLCW have decided to keep the church Bazaar in the Fall. Therefore, the Women will be hosting their Fall Bazaar on Saturday, September 24.

Please put the date on your calendar!

Thank You!

A special thank you to the Zion Men's group who donated and prepared all the food for the wonderful breakfasts each month!



Rides Available

Sunday Van Rides Available!

Our van ride service is available on Sunday mornings for the 9:30 AM summer worship service.

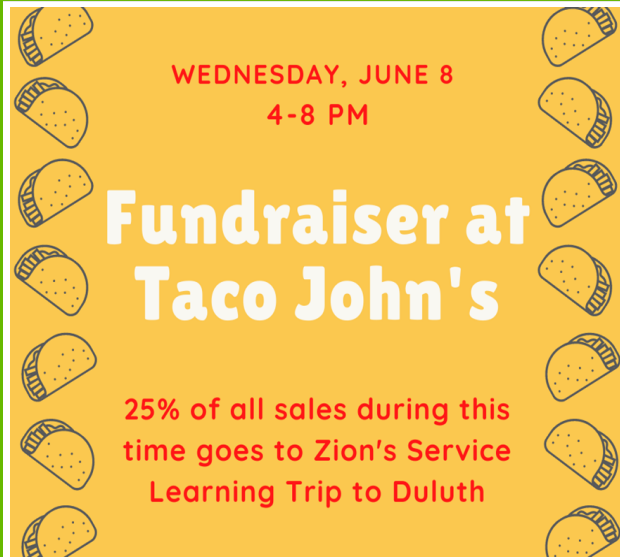
If you would like a ride to worship, or are willing to volunteer to drive the van, please call the church office at 225-6755 and talk to Donna.

Faith and Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
4-8 PM

Fundraiser at Taco John's

25% of all sales during this
time goes to Zion's Service
Learning Trip to Duluth



Parking Lot Party

GRADES 6-12
JUNE 5TH 1:30PM-3PM
INFLATABLES, SMORES,
GAMES, CAMPFIRE & MORE



Parking Lot Party

You're invited! Bethlehem is hosting a parking lot party on June 5th for grades 6-12; there will be inflatables, yard games, food, and more! The event runs from 1:30-3:00 PM, and it is free to attend.

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 other Wednesday from 2-3 PM. A snack will be served each time. Van rides will be available—just let Sandra know! A calendar will be provided on the first day of summer youth group, which will be **Wednesday, June 15.**



VBS 2022

EXPLORING THE GREAT OUTDOORS WITH JESUS

Wednesdays June 15, July 13, August 10
5:30-7:00 PM

Join us each session for a meal,
music, games, and activities!

RSVP: 605-881-5629
BY THE MORNING OF
EACH SESSION



Vacation Bible School

You are invited!! Join us for three sessions of VBS this summer as we Explore the Great Outdoors with Jesus!

**These sessions will be held on Wednesdays
June 15, July 13, August 10.**

Each session features a new location in the great outdoors with a corresponding Bible story, along with a meal, music, and much more! For more information, or to pick up a registration form, please see the Sunday School bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Faith and Family



Progressive Suppers

We are postponing Progressive Suppers for the summer.
We will resume in the fall!

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.



Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School for the year was held on Sunday, May 8. All kids participated on a scavenger hunt around the church and Bible Bingo.

During both worship services, our incredible Education Committee, Sunday School teachers, and Youth Group leaders were recognized for all of the love, support, and dedication over the past year.



Pictured left to right are: Jennifer Wagemann, Jessica Moser, Kelly VanderWeyst, Stacy Geffre, and Brian VanderWeyst.

Not pictured are: Kelli Bretsch, Marilyn Bender, Brent Stanek, and Melissa Kolb.

Happenings at Zion

First Communion



The celebration of First Communion was held on Sunday, May 15th for the Berry family.

Zaidyn, RyLynn, and Tatyn received the body and blood of our Lord, surrounded by their family.

Pictured are: Alexandria Johnson, Zaidyn Berry, Amanda Johnson, RyLynn Berry, Tatyn Berry, Kathy Johnson, and Garry Johnson.

Graduate Recognition

On May 15, our graduating seniors were recognized during the 10:45 worship service. Each received a copy of the book "Oh the Places You'll Go", inscribed with inspiring Bible verses and personalized messages from congregation members. Students also received a devotional and LED candle, along with a gift from the Zion women. During worship, we also recognized our two Zion scholarship recipients—Claire Bretsch and Kiera Weisser. Congratulations to the 2022 graduates! Pictured are: Kiera Weisser, Nikolas Clemens, and Claire Bretsch.



Mini Bake Sale

The Organ Restoration committee is hosting a mini bake on Father's Day Sunday, June 19th. Goodies will be sold half hour before worship and a half hour after worship that Sunday.

All proceeds will benefit the organ fund.



Youth Lake Day

The Youth Committee is working to put together an afternoon of fun on the lake in July for middle school and high school youth. They are looking for members who have a boat and would be willing to spend some time on the lake with the kids on the afternoon of July 23rd. If you're interested, please contact Sandra.



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Staff

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
 Ed SuchomelVice President
 Joel AlbrechtTreasurer
 Nancy Schmidt.....Secretary

Council Representatives:

Jessica Moser.....Faith Formation
 Ryan BretschFinance & Stewardship
 Nicole Schutter.....Mission & Outreach
 Kathy Heffernan.....Worship & Music
 Norma Nielsen.....Welcome & Caring



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

THROUGH May 25, 2022

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$35,000.00
 Actual May Income: \$27,598.12
 Actual May Expenses: \$29,935.52

ZION MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

For:

From:

Rosemary Job	General Fund	Friends of Gary\Kathy Job
Art Heinrich	Organ Fund	LaVern Albrecht
Art Heinrich	Organ Fund	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Rosemary Job	Organ Fund	Larry\Sharon Stroschein
Rosemary Job	General Fund	Wilma Zimmerman
Art Heinrich	General Fund	Wilma Zimmerman
Shirley Daley	Organ Fund	Gladys Melcher
Rosemary Job	Organ Fund	Gladys Melcher
Vi Dafnis	Organ Fund	Gladys Melcher
Art Heinrich	General Fund	Family & Friends
Rosemary Job	Organ Fund	Carmel Heyd



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

Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday!

Available dates: July 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14, 21, 28.

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

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8:30 AM	Radio worship on 930 AM & 107.1 FM (not live)
8:45 AM	Fellowship time (coffee available)
9:30 AM	Blended worship service

Worship Schedule

For the summer, we will have one blended worship service available on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. Each service will feature a kids' time, with communion being held on the first and third Sundays of the month. The 8:30 AM radio broadcast will be pre-recorded from the week before. Fellowship time will be held from 8:45-9:15 AM before each worship service with coffee available. This schedule will run through Labor Day weekend.

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

Material Needed

The quilters are in need of children's themed material to make quilts for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace".

Please bring to the church if you have any or find any at the store. Thanks so much!



SIP WITH SAUNDRA

June 9 & 30
July 21
3:00 PM

MEET AT CARIBOU

First drink is on us!



Sip with Sandra

Come enjoy some fun and games with Sandra! We will meet at Caribou Coffee (6th Avenue location) on Thursdays June 9, June 30, July 21, from 3-4 PM. Open to middle and high school youth—bring a friend! You are welcome to join whenever you can make it!

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.

WELCA Synodical Conference

The 35th SD synodical annual convention will be held June 23-24 at First Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD. The theme of the weekend is "Come Boldly".

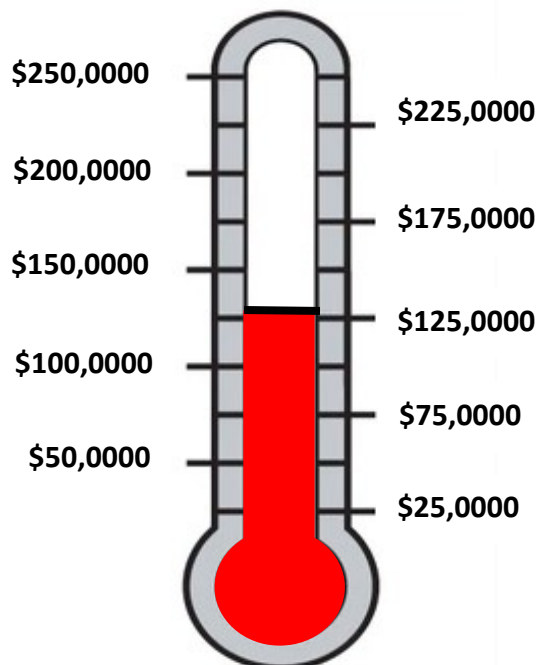
The banquet speaker for the event is Pastor Cassandra Lamb, the SDSU campus ministry director, and all love offering and silent auction proceeds will benefit all campuses of LuMin (Lutheran Campus Ministries) in South Dakota.

For more information, please see the flyer on the kiosk or visit with Kathy Heffernan.

Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$86,894.27
Unpaid pledges - \$44,831.03
Total project funds - \$131,725.30

Our Goal: \$250,000



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$118,274.70

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EVENTS, AND SERVICE
OPPORTUNITIES

Farewell to Pastor Mark

Pastor Mark's final Sunday preaching at Zion was Sunday, May 15. In between services, the Zion Women hosted a farewell breakfast pizza party for him, while everyone gathered to share in some fellowship time and goodbyes before he left.

Thank you, Pastor Mark, for all you did for Zion over the past eight months!

THANK YOU!

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)

SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP meets the 1st

Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fireside Room.

Join us at 6:00 PM. This is a non-denominational group and there is no charge. Just come and share.

Update from our Council President

Hello to you all as we find spring weather and begin school summer break! I am writing to touch base with information.

Thursday, May 5, Pastor Mark submitted his resignation to both the Synod and Zion Church Council, and he shared the news on Sunday, May 8. As stated in the contract council signed with him, either party could cancel the one year contract with a 30 day notice if something changed or it was not working out. In Mark's case, he was called to another congregation who could utilize his services during their transition. We thank him for his time with us and wish him all the best in future adventures!

While his time in Aberdeen has been cut short, Zion is sitting in a better position than we were prior to his arrival. What I want the congregation to know is that we INVESTED in Mark to guide us through our transition and we DID receive our return on our investment we were hoping for: his site study PowerPoint after the small group sessions. Both council leadership and congregation/future call committee are now well equipped to fill out the Ministry Site Profile, have a visit from Pastor Renee at the Synod, and begin our search for a lead Pastor. Council will vote on the Call Committee and we will begin the filling out the MSP very soon!

We must pivot to make necessary adjustments, as we have now for the last year. It is not easy and to set the record straight, I am in frequent communication with Pastor Renee at the Synod regarding our situation and potential pulpit supply/interims that would be available on such short notice to help us as we transition to summer worship.

I must say that I am disheartened to hear that gossip/parking lot conversations are still going. No one is calling me directly to inquire, but many are continuing to fuel the fire. It's extremely discouraging. As it is written in Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Please, let's focus on building each other up and supporting the ministry and work of our staff and committees.

As a reminder, Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm and are open for all to attend. If you have concerns or questions, please feel free to join us. We are volunteers you have elected to this council and there is not a handbook on how to handle every situation. If you have an idea, thought, concern or something to share with us, please join our meeting or reach out via phone!

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I do thank those of you who have reached out and given kind words, prayers and show your support to your leadership.

Final note: I have been in contact with the Synod regarding the intern that is at Good Shepherd whose internship is just about up. He is unable to just come over to Zion and fill our need, unfortunately. I have heard that there is one Sunday in July he would be able to help us. I am working on filling the Sundays, but as you can imagine it does take time with such short notice. We continue to have faith that God will provide as we continue in our transition.

Let's keep a positive attitude and change the narrative of our ways!

Jena German
Zion Council President

Update from the Zion Women

Thank You!

The Zion Lutheran Church Women would like to thank everyone who contributed to the 2022 Spring Bazaar \$5,619.01, less expenses of \$792.10 for a net income of \$4,826.91.

The net income was disbursed as follows: \$1,600.00 for stripping and waxing the basement floors, \$500.00 to NSU Campus Ministry, \$1,000.00 to the Organ Fund, \$250.00 to Donna, \$250.00 to Art, \$200.00 to Sandra for all of their help when needed and \$1,026.91 to the savings account. Thank you!

Another Thank You!

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Spring Rummage sale held on Saturday, April 30th. We made \$870.00 and the funds were given to the Zion General Fund to help towards bills. Also thanks to Mike German and Pastor Mark for taking the remaining items to Kids Against Hunger. Thanks everyone!

Thanks to the Preschool Committee for making homemade caramel rolls for the rummage sale. They ran out before 10:00 AM and people were still coming and asking for them at noon. Thanks ladies! They were a hit!

THANKYOU!