

# ZION'S JOURNEY

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's beloved People at Zion Lutheran Church:

Firstly, thank you thank you THANK YOU for all you did, Council, Group Leaders, and Participants alike, for your part, to make these Mission Study Groups happen. As I reported during announcements, 11 of 12 successfully met, plus 2 groups that included both Confirmation students and parents. Participants in those groups noted that the students had no hesitation in speaking up and sharing their ideas.

Everyone I spoke to gave me nothing but positive reports about their experiences, as I expected would be the case.

Next steps include:

The Council and Group leaders will review the responses and provide me a "highlight reel", picking out the standout responses, themes, that shine like a 1000-watt neon sign.

I will take those observations and create a PowerPoint summary that will include (not restricted to)

- A summary and highlight reel of the top responses/themes/dynamics/growing edges, etc., that came from the Groups.
- "From my corner", my kudos for what Zion does well, challenges and opportunities, what needs to change, suggestions to consider for Mission Goals, Gifts for Ministry (Not "personal qualities") the next Lead Pastor needs to bring to the table to partner with Zion, reality checks, points-to-ponder, and suggestions for programs I've seen in other settings that will help Zion in Mission Goals.
- Upon consensus, the PowerPoint Summary will be used by the Call Committee as a resource to fill out the Ministry Site Profile.
- I plan to present this Powerpoint Summary and Recommendations to the congregation no later than mid-May 2022. Watch for announcements

Further steps include:

- the Council to recruit members to serve on the Call Committee. The Call Committee should include 7-9 members, for simple majority vote purposes. There needs to be, as much as possible, a balance of male and female members, representing a good cross-section of the congregation, and at least 1 Youth.
- Once the Call Committee is nominated and approved, the CC will meet with Pr. Renee of the Synod Office, who will train and guide the Call Committee in completing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This takes 2-4 months. • There is a lot of information to gather, meetings to schedule, etc. It takes time! And it deserves the time it needs to make that MSP sing, as it will be the first impression candidates will get of Zion and goes a long way in their consideration and interest whether to interview. Make it count, dear People of God!
- Once the MSP is approved by the Council and Bishops Office, it will be posted on the National Database, beginning Phase III of the Interim Season and Call Process, the Interview Phase.
- Pr. Renee will continue to work with the Call Committee throughout the Interview Process.
- My role shifts to primarily pastoral, provided pastoral stability, continuity, and ministry in partnership with Zion and Synod Office.
- Once the MSP is released onto the Database, plan on Phase III, The Interview Stage, to take several months-a year or more.

### April 2022 Council Highlights

The Council approved a motion made by the Worship and Music Committee to hold one blended summer worship service every Sunday at 9:30 AM from June 5—September 7. The radio broadcast will be a recording of the previous week's service. The Council also approved a motion to hold an outdoor worship service on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

A motion was made and approved by Council to start a new ministry project: Adopt-a-Grad. This is a project that will pair a graduating high school senior with an individual, couple, or family who will "adopt" them for their first year post-grad and will support them through prayer, letters, care packs, etc.

A request has been made that when using Classrooms Rooms A or B, please ensure that you prepare the room for whomever may be using it next by removing your items.

The Faith Formation Committee has planned VBS for Wednesdays June 15, July 13, August 10.

### **Special Offering for May is Salvation Army!**

## Noah's Park Preschool

### Hello from Noah's Park!!

Hello from Noah's Park!! We had a lot of fun getting ready for Easter. We made chicks with yellow tissue paper and springy legs – they turned out so cute! We also dyed eggs and made bunny and chick baskets to put them in when they were dry. The children enjoyed doing my "challenge eggs" – they got to crack open a plastic egg and complete the written challenge inside – like counting to ten or hopping on one foot. We ended the week with an egg hunt and found all of the eggs this year!! Usually we miss a few and find them after Easter break J We have a student teacher in our classroom for four weeks – she is already halfway through her experience with us! She is helping with our farm unit – we are making pigs, sheep, cows and cats for our farm scene bulletin board. It is going to be awesome!! We are definitely hoping for some warmer weather soon so we can get outside and play on the playground...without blowing away!!



~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](http://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

### Bethesda Town Sq.

Meta Vetter  
Shirley Wagemann  
Viola Tetherow  
Gladys Voegele  
Lorraine Kusler

### Minnesota

LeRoy Buechler

### California

Erna Schmierer

### Colorado

Ella Aipperspach

### Primrose Cottages

Frances Wolff

### Groton Health Care

Leon Tobin  
Joe & Ruth Bosmoe

### Mother Joseph

Lois Sollie

### Primrose

LaVon Elsen

### Angelhaus

Harold Hoffman

### Milbank

Marge Rhodes



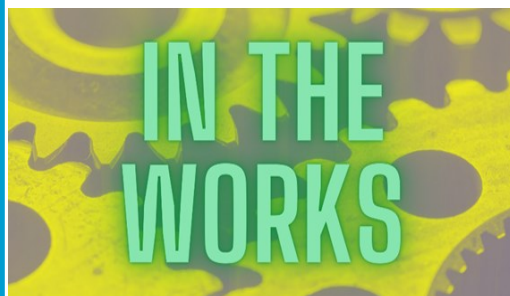
## “GRATEFUL FOR YOU”

- ☺ A very special thank you to Vivian Eske for all the years of being in charge of the card-making group. And thanks to Maxine Lammler for taking on this new role.
- ☺ Thank you to Mike Bretsch for decorating the Easter Cross.
- ☺ Thank you to Sharon Paranto for helping the communion chairperson set up for Easter.
- ☺ Thank you

## Spring Bazaar

Thank you to all who helped make Zion’s Spring Bazaar a Success.

We could not have done it without YOU!



The Faith Formation committee is working on plans for Vacation Bible School for the summer. The dates are: June 15, July 13, and August 10. Final details are being planned; stay tuned to next month’s newsletter for an update.



### 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.

### 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](mailto: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, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 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: our school year schedule will end on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Cookie Ninjas

For the progressive supper in April, the youth spent time baking cookies and delivering them to our first responders to say thank you!

They delivered cookies to dispatch, the police station, one of the fire stations, and to the two hospital ERs.

## Sunday School

Just a reminder that our last day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.





# Faith and Family

**YOU'RE INVITED** – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is Inviting the Zion congregation to participate in their Zion Thunder Road “Raise the Roof” Fundraiser on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Wylie Park, picnic shelter A from 3-6 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 ages 5 and under are free.

See the poster on the kiosk for all the details.

## 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 Milestone

On Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Pastoral Assistant Sandra held a Prayer Pillow faith milestone for our three- and four-year-old kids. During the time together, they learned about prayer, made placemats with their handprints to remind them of who to pray for, and even got to blow “Trouble Bubbles” and blow all their troubles up to God! Pictured are the five children who participated in the event. Thank you to the Zion quilters for their help in making the pillow covers!



# Happenings at Zion

## First Communion

The celebration of First Communion for our fourth and fifth grade students was held during the Maundy Thursday service on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Eight students received Holy Communion for the first time, surrounded by family and their baptismal sponsors. The night before, the kids met and made the Communion bread for the service while learning about the rite of Holy Communion. Congratulations on this faith milestone!

Ernie Dickey making Communion bread.



Tehya Beusch and Bella Spitzer making Communion bread.



Pictured with Pastor Mark: Noah VanderWeyst, Ernie Dickey, Blake Bjorgaard, Tobin German, Harper Bretsch, Ashton Spitzer, Tehya Beusch, and Bella Spitzer



## Baptism

On Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed Adelina Eshryah Luong into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. Adelina was baptized at the 10:00 Easter service by Pastor Mark. Adelina is the daughter of Alexis Gearey and sister of Nazeerah.



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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 Hawkinson .....Praise Band Director  
 Jami Ringgenberg.....Preschool Director/Teacher  
 Art Ketterling.....Maintenance

**ZION'S KEY MISSION**

Rooted in faith + Growing in Spirit + Reaching out to those in need

**ZION'S MOTIVATING MISSION**

+ Centered in prayer, nourished through the Sacraments, empowered by God's Holy Spirit, Zion is spreading the Good News through new and innovative ministries.

+ Rooted in a strong heritage, Zion focuses on developing ministries of caring to help those in need.

+ Zion opens her doors to singles, families, special needs, young and old, churched and unchurched, welcoming all into the family of God.

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Officers / Executive Committee:**

Jena German .....President  
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 Joel Albrecht .....Treasurer  
 Nancy Schmidt.....Secretary

**Council Representatives:**

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



**STEWARDSHIP**

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT**

**THROUGH April 25, 2022**

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$36,000.00  
 Actual February Income: \$28,300.85  
 Actual February Expenses: \$33,470.77

**ZION MEMORIALS**

**In Memory of:**

**For:**

**From:**

Richard Anderson	General Fund	Family
Rosemary Job	General Fund	Trudy Anderson
Rosemary Job	Kitchen	Bob\Joan Haak
Rosemary Job	Organ Fund	Mary Jane Kabrud

**Easter Plant\Flowers**

**From:**

**In Memory of:**

Deb Graves	Jordan Graves
Trudy Anderson	Richard Anderson
Gladys Melcher	Family & Friends
Family of Jordan Heyd	Jordan Heyd
Delilah Norton	Alma Wagemann & Leland Norton

Larry\Sharon Stroschein To Zion

**Radio Broadcast Sponsorships**

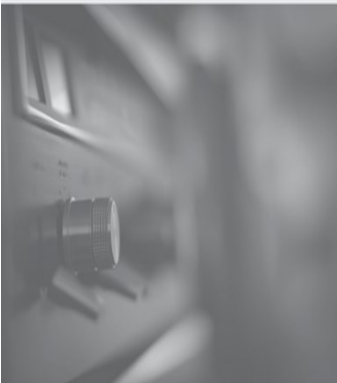
If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday!

Available dates: May 15, 22; July 17, 24, 31

**RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS NEEDED**

Call the office at  
 225-6755 to sign up

\$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](mailto:zion@nvc.net).



## MATERIAL NEEDED

The quilter's 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!



## 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, May 1st at 9:45 AM** in the fellowship hall.

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



common grounds

### 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**

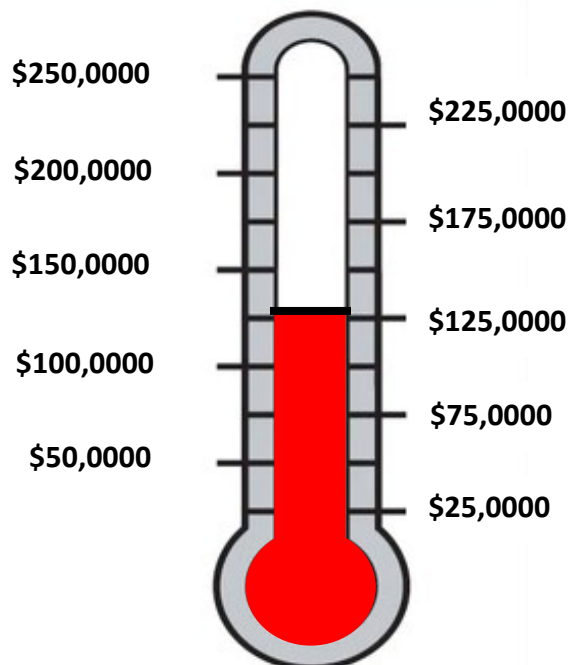
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FROM WORSHIP, CHURCH  
EVENTS, AND SERVICE  
OPPORTUNITIES**

### Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$84,972.90  
Unpaid pledges - \$45,407.90  
Total project funds - \$130,380.80

Our Goal: \$250,000



Remaining pledge amount needed  
\$119,619.20

### Parking Lot Party

There will be an end of the year parking lot party on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM in the Bethlehem West parking lot. There will be a grill out, yard games, music, s'mores, ice cream floats, and more! Come enjoy some time to unwind together with other youth in our faith community! This event is a joint activity between Bethlehem, Good Shepherd and Zion Lutheran churches for high school youth.

**PARKING  
LOT PARTY**

**SUNDAY, MAY 1ST  
5:00 PM  
BETHLEHEM PARKING LOT**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **STAY CONNECTED WITH US!**

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YouTube: [bit.ly/ZLCYouTube](http://bit.ly/ZLCYouTube)  
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**CHURCH PHONE**  
225-6755

**PASTOR MARK'S #**  
360-325-3227



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- Please keep in mind and take to heart:
  - ◇ The Interview Phase is entirely candidate-driven, as to interest and availability at any given time.
  - ◇ While there is the natural transition times of late spring to early fall, please do not lose sight of the fact that pastors are seeking call year-round, so there is no need to fret or stress over missing “the sweet-spot”.
  - ◇ God has a stake in this process, too, as we faithfully attend to and trust the process, God will bring a candidate God means to partner with Zion.
  - ◇ In the meantime, our focus is to be in prayer for this process and keep on with the ministry God entrusts Zion to carry out.
  - ◇ This is a rich time for all of us to learn so much about ourselves, each other, and God. No time is wasted time in this process. Trust that!

As we Christians celebrate the festival of Easter in commemoration of Jesus’ resurrection, the familiar sights of the Easter bunny and Easter eggs serve as a reminder of the holiday’s very ancient origins outside of the Christian tradition.. As we reflect on those origins, please remember:

- It is a good and healthy thing to learn the historical roots of celebrations like Easter, so we can better appreciate their meaning, and learn how best to celebrate.
- Even though there are some pagan origins in holidays like Christmas and Easter, as we have them today, the Good News is that God is the One God who brings life from death, transformation from the old to new. God can transform ANYTHING to God’s glory.
- The purpose of the Cross is an empty tomb.
- The Purpose of an Empty Tomb is God’s checkmark of approval on everything Jesus said, did, and accomplished.
- The purpose of the resurrection is our transformation, so we can, from the Word and waters of baptism, “walk in newness of life (Romans 6:1-4)”.

Because “CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED?” Celebrate resurrection!

In Partnership, Mark Galbraith, Intentional Interim Pastor

### Visit from the Bishop

Zion was very excited to welcome Bishop Constanze Hagmaier to preach at both services on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. In between services and following the potluck, Bishop Hagmaier shared with the congregation what the call process will look like as we begin the journey of calling our next pastor. Thank you for spending the morning with us!





# Happenings at Zion



## Senior Recognition.

We will be celebrating with our six Zion seniors as they prepare for graduation! Join us on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ the 10:45 AM service as we share a congregational blessing with these teens and their families. Starting the week of May 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be copies of the book, "Oh The Places You'll Go" that you can sign and leave bible verses, memories, or words of advice in for these youth.

## Garden Starter Fundraiser

The Sunday School kids will be selling flower and vegetable garden starters on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in between services in the Narthex.

They will be selling marigolds, zinnias, sunflowers, pickling cucumbers, squash, cherry tomatoes, big cucumbers, big tomatoes & zucchini for a free will donation.



## Holy Week and Easter

We had a big morning of celebration on Palm Sunday! In between services, the Council held a delicious breakfast, while everyone had a chance to participate in intergenerational Sunday School and fellowship time. Then, the Sunday School kids sang "Jesus Loves Me" during the 10:45 service. First Communion was held on Maundy Thursday, and we mourned the death of Jesus on Good Friday. Finally, we celebrated Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning with a beautifully decorated sanctuary and narthex, Holy Communion, and a baptism!

