

AUGUST 2022

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion Call Committee

The Call Committee was selected by the church council at the June 2022 meeting to begin the process of calling our next permanent pastor at Zion. The Call Committee will be officially installed during worship on Sunday, July 31. They have been hard at work filling out Zion's Ministry Site Profile throughout the month of July, and they are nearing the completion of that process.

Once the Ministry Site Profile is submitted to the Synod, Pastor Renee Splichal Larson will schedule a visit to go through the profile from start to finish with the congregation before posting the opening for pastoral applicants. As Bishop Hagmaier reminded us in April during her visit, there is no set timeline as to how long this process can take. It is all dependent on a variety of factors, including the number of applicants looking to transition to a new call and what we as a congregation need from our next permanent pastor.

While the Call Committee continues their important work, we ask you to hold them and this process in prayer, asking for God's will to be carried out. We are very excited to be starting our call process, and we have a great group of congregation members leading the way!



Pictured above are the members of the Call Committee:

Zach Anderson, Karl Kempf, April Nehlich (chair), Kara Pies, Phyllis Gab, Pat Ackerson, and Mike Bretsch

The Call Committee is looking for feedback! On the back page of the newsletter is a form you can use to share your input about what you think is important in calling a new pastor to Zion. **Please fill it out and return it in the offering plate on Sundays or mail it to the church office.** This is a wonderful way for you to share your thoughts with our committee so they have the best picture as to what our congregation needs going forward.

June and July Council Highlights

- Lifeline screening will be at Zion on Wednesday, October 26th from 8 AM—5:30 PM.
- Summer VBS has been going well! There were 22 kids at the first session and around 15 at the second session; there is one more VBS night scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th from 5:30-7:00 PM.
- The official lease agreement was approved for Lumin to rent office space at Zion during the July meeting. Signing with Ann Fortin, Lumin Director, will occur by the end of July.
- The council discussed and voted to approve an increase in fees for using the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. The fee for members will now be \$75/day & non-members will be \$100/day.

Special Offering for August is **ELCA Hunger Appeal**

More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to micro-loans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Thanks for supporting their work!

Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park!!

It honestly just seems like I was writing about all of our year end activities in preschool and then I blinked...and watched a lot of tennis :-)) and it's time already for a brand new year!! The floors are shiny, and it's now time to begin getting things prepared for another awesome year!



We still have a few openings in the MWF afternoon class and TTH morning, so if you know of anyone looking for a wonderful preschool for their child, please feel free to let them know!

~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.



You can also give online today (multiple ways) by going to zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving

Another option is to scan this QR code with your smartphone, and it will take you to our giving page.

ZION HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Bethesda Home

Ben Schroeder
Carol Knispel
Jane Fischer
Janice Peterson
Beth Walth

Bethesda Town Sq.

Meta Vetter
Shirley Wagemann
Viola Tetherow
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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"

☺ Thanks to Judy Albl, her grandkids Gabe & Emma Woods, Art and Donna for planting the geraniums & flowers in the front of the church.

☺ Thanks to Jane & Joel Albrecht and Judy Albl for helping change the large banners at the front of the sanctuary.

☺ Thanks to Carmel Heyd and Loren & April Nehlich for serving the meals for VBS.

☺ Thanks to Norma Miller, Trudy Anderson, Joy Schmitt, Deb Hardy, Elaine Schumacher, Marie Bretsch, Kathy Job, Millie Suchomel, Wyatt, Tate & Oakley Koester (great grandchildren of Ed & Millie), and Camel Heyd for cleaning of the church kitchen.

☺ Thank you to our Aberdeen area ELCA Pastors who have been so willing to step in and help out during our absence of a Pastor.



Noah's Park Preschool Fall 2022 openings available!

Call 225-6755 to register

Preschool Openings

There are a couple openings left in classes for this upcoming school year! The Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoon class for 4- and 5-year-olds and the Tuesday-Thursday morning class for 3- and 4-year olds have just a few spots left. For more information or to register your child, please call the church office during the week at 225-6755. Help us spread the word!

Zion Adult Choir

We will start with a Men's group rehearsal on **Sunday, September 18th at 9:45 AM in the church balcony**. This is just a four week commitment. Any men interested in joining us, please come to rehearsal on the 18th.

We will begin the same schedule with the ladies rehearsal starting on **Sunday, October 23rd**.

If you have questions, call Sonya at 605-228-2490.



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.



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.



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

Blessing of the Backpacks



FOR ALL GOING TO SCHOOL OR WHO
WORK IN THE EDUCATION FIELD

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST

Be sure to bring your backpack/laptop bag/briefcase with you!

We will be holding our annual Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 21st during the 9:30 AM worship service. This blessing is for anyone in school (any age) or who work in the education field in any role (teachers, administrators, maintenance, custodians, educational aides, cooks, bus drivers, etc.). We encourage all to bring your bag with you as we prepare for the beginning of a new school year!

Youth Group

Join us for a time of fellowship, service, faith, and fun! Come as you are, and join in when you can!

We have had a fun summer session so far, full of water games, faith, conversations, and ice cream!

Our final session of summer Youth Group will be held on **Wednesday, August 10th from 2-3 PM.**



Progressive Supper

We are postponing Progressive Suppers for the summer—we will resume on **Sunday, September 25th at 4:30 PM.**

We have had an incredible time visiting and building relationships through these meals. If you would be willing to host portion of a progressive supper (appetizers, dinner, dessert), please contact Sandra—even if you've hosted before and are willing to do it again! If you do not want to host in your home, you are more than welcome to at the church.



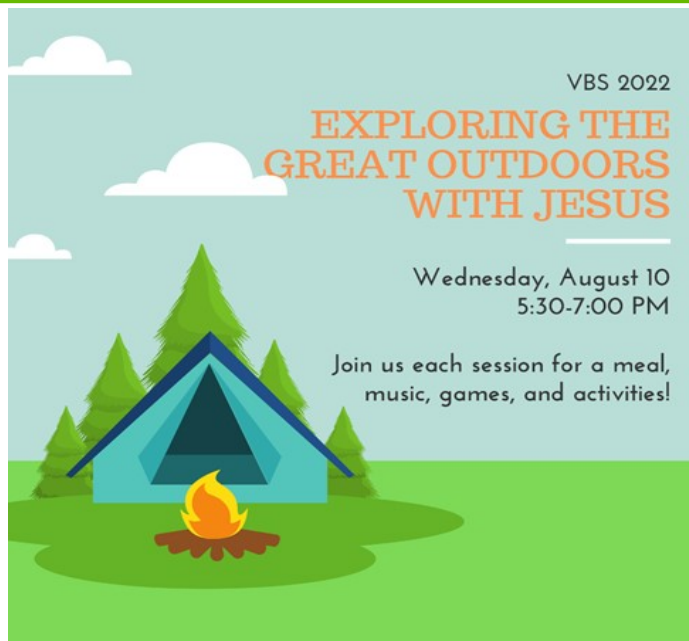
Cookbooks for Sale

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.



Faith and Family

Vacation Bible School



We have had an incredible time exploring the great outdoors with Jesus! There have been two sessions of VBS so far this summer—one in the ocean and one in the mountains. Kids learned about the stories of Jonah and the Big Fish and The Ten Commandments, completed science experiments, ran from the big fish, make Ten Commandments crowns, played Ten Commandment musical chairs, and so much more!

Join us as we Explore the Great Outdoors with Jesus! **The final session will be held on Wednesday, 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!



Stock the Food Pantry Family Fun Day

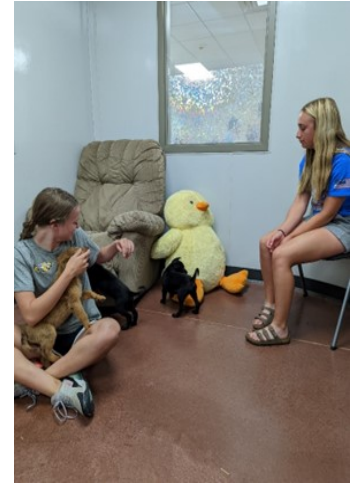
Thrivent is hosting a Stock the Food Pantry Family Fun Day at Wylie Park on Saturday, August 6th from 10 AM—12 PM. Join us for free mini golf, go carts, bumper boats, and bike shop rentals! Walking tacos will be served at noon. We invite you to bring a nonperishable food item or monetary donation that will be utilized to help stock local food pantries, including the newly installed Mini Food Pantry outside the Thrivent office. You do not need to be a Thrivent member to attend, but we ask that you register for this event in advance by calling the Thrivent office at 725-2025 or visit bit.ly/stockthefoodpantry

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Happenings at Zion

Zion in the Community

The 9th grade confirmation students spent time volunteering at the Humane Society on Thursday, June 30th and on Friday, July 22nd. Kids cleaned, mopped, filled dog treats, and socialized animals during their visits.



On Mondays July 11, 18, and 25, members of the congregation volunteered at the Salvation Army in Aberdeen. They helped pack over two hundred lunches each day for the organization's Feed the Kids summer food truck program.



Baptism

We welcomed Jayden Elijah Holler into the family of Christ through the waters of baptism on Sunday, June 26th. Pastor Heidi Youngquist from Bethlehem Lutheran baptized Jayden during the 9:30 AM worship service.

Pictured is Jayden with mom Desiree, older brother Kayson, and his baptismal sponsors.



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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.

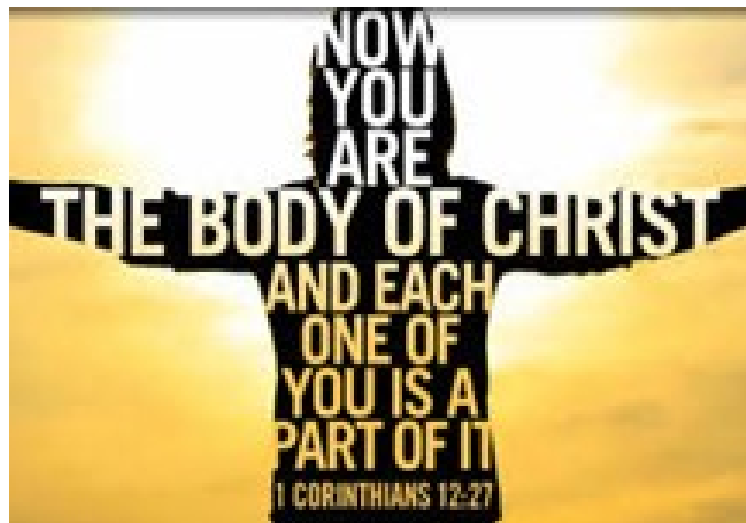
CHURCH COUNCIL

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 July 27, 2022

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$30,000.00

Actual July Income: \$21,523.22

Actual April Expenses: \$22,804.00

ZION MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Martha Zimmerman
 Martha Zimmerman
 Herb\Vera Kirshman
 Jordan Graves
 Martha Zimmerman
 Rod Wiedrich
 Rod Wiedrich

For:

Organ Fund
 Preschool
 Altar Guild
 VBS
 Altar Guild
 Organ Fund
 Sunday School

From:

Gladys Melcher
 Ray\Marcie Andersh
 Kathy Franz
 Deb Graves
 Wilma Zimmerman
 Karl\Sonya Kempf
 Loren\April Nehlich



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!

Open Sundays in the coming weeks include:
 August 7, 21; September 18, 25.

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? Do you know someone who is, or are you wondering what it means to be a member of Zion?

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



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

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!



In the Works

Plan are in the works for our Fall Kickoff Sunday, which will be held on **Sunday, September 11th**. This will be the first day of Sunday School and will include a whole host of other activities. Be sure to check out next month's newsletter and the upcoming bulletins to see what we have in store!



Organ Restoration Committee

Zach 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.

Organ Restoration Fundraiser

The Organ Restoration Committee is selling key and pedal engravings on Sunday mornings in the Narthex. Please take a moment to stop by the table and check out the boards for the organ key sale.

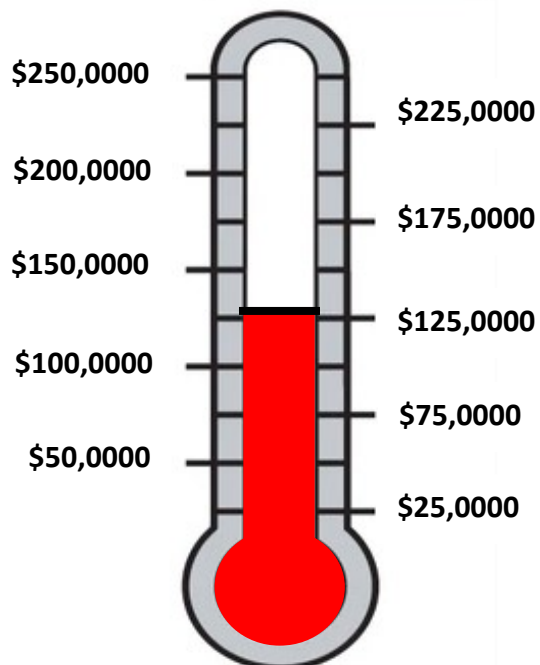
You may purchase one key for \$50 or one pedal for \$250. Selling starts 10 minutes before service and continues 10 minutes after service. Purchase a key to commemorate someone, honor someone, or to support the effort to fund our restoration.

****Note: the engravings will be made on a wooden plaque and not on the organ itself****

Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$89,777.86
Unpaid pledges - \$43,594.48
Total project funds - \$133,372.34

Our Goal: **\$250,000**



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$116,627.66

Fall Bazaar

We held a Spring Bazaar on April 23, 2022 because we were unable to have one in the Fall of 2022. It was decided that the event needs to be in the Fall rather than in the Spring; this year's Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM.

Booths will include: Grandmas Treasure, Hobby Nook, Bag sale/candy corner, Kuchen Corner, Fall Harvest\Garden Produce, Kid's Corner, and Quilt Raffle. Breakfast and lunch will be served. The quilt that will be raffled was donated by a member of Zion for the Organ Restoration Fund.

We will be selling tickets on that prior to and during the Bazaar, with the winner being drawn at 1:00 PM. More information will be coming soon, and members will be contacted to see how they can help with the Bazaar.



Thank You to the Zion Women

On behalf of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, we want to thank you for thinking of us when you were cleaning out the 100 cup coffee pots. We still use that type of coffee pot when we have large funerals and gatherings. We appreciate getting them and they will come in handy.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

Website: zionlutheranaberdeen.org
YouTube: bit.ly/ZLCYouTube
Facebook: facebook.com/ZionAberdeen
Facebook: facebook.com/zlcaberdeenyouth
Instagram: [@zlcaberdeensd](https://www.instagram.com/zlcaberdeensd)

Guest Preacher

A Food For The Poor Clergy Speaker Will Be Visiting Your Church

Founded in 1982, Food For The Poor works to end the suffering of impoverished children and their families in the Caribbean and Latin America.



On Sunday, September 4th, Pastor Darrell Golnitz from Food to the Poor will be preaching during our 9:30 AM worship service. Here's a little more information about Pastor Darrell and Food For The Poor:

Pastor Darrell Golnitz, a native of Frederick, South Dakota, was ordained in 1976 for the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA. He is a retired pastor of 40 years of ministry, serving congregations in Colorado, Minnesota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Georgia,

where he now lives with his wife Mary. Since Pastor Golnitz' primary social concern is for hungry people everywhere, he relishes being a speaker for Food For The Poor and has been a speaker for them since 2010. He also has had the opportunity to travel on Mission Trips to Haiti, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala, to witness the help that we give to these suffering people.

Founded in 1982, Food For The Poor (FFTP) is one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the nation, and does much more than feed millions of hungry children and families living in poverty primarily in 17 countries of the Caribbean and Latin America. Thanks to its faithful donors, the organization's programs are providing housing, health care, education, clean water, emergency relief and micro-enterprise assistance, in addition to feeding hundreds of thousands of people each day. FFTP donors have built more than 88,500 safe and secure homes for the destitute. In 2020, FFTP built 1,872 homes for families in need of safe shelter. Since inception, the charity has provided more than \$17 billion in aid.

We look forward to welcoming Pastor Darrell to Zion!

Greetings from the Call Committee!

We would like your input. **Please share with us what you feel is important in calling a new pastor to Zion.**

Prayerfully consider your thoughts and share them below. Cut on the dotted line, and place this completed form in the offering plate or mail to the church at: 1732 S Main St.

Thank you for your assistance!

Name: _____