

OCTOBER 2022

ZION'S JOURNEY

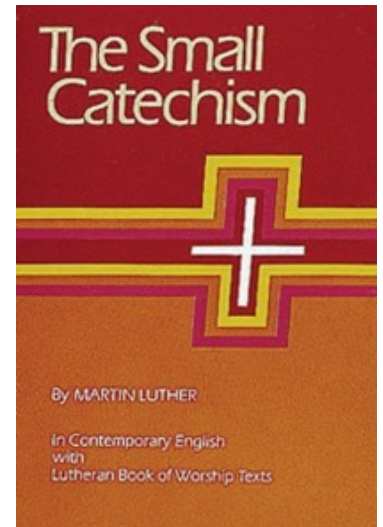
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVERY BUDDY BIBLE STUDY STARTS WEDNESDAY, OCT 5 6:30-7:30 PM

I will lead an inclusive (for confirmation students, parents, youth and adults of all ages) Bible study based on Luther's Small Catechism this fall. This is the best way to review some of the key passages of the Bible that Martin Luther wanted families to focus on in their home Bible study time.

We'll start out with prayer, an introduction of the topic of the evening, show a PowerPoint on the subject, have a question & answer period, and occasionally have people move into small groups to share what they thought was the either the most surprising thing they heard or the most significant thing they heard and why.

This "Small Catechism" Bible study will begin October 5 and continue every Wednesday through November 16. We will NOT meet on November 23, which is the day before Thanksgiving, and the following Wednesday, November 30, is the start of our weekly evening Advent worship services. We will resume our Bible study on January 4 and continue through January on the 11th, 18th, and 25th, as we conclude our study of the Small Catechism.



GRIEF GROUP BEGINS TUESDAY OCTOBER 11 AT 10:30 AM

At the last interim I did in Omaha, a small group of ladies asked if I would help them begin a "Grief Group" for anyone who has gone through a significant loss in their own lives. We are going to experiment with the same idea here at Zion—meeting TWICE a month on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 – 11:30 AM or so. The October meetings will be Oct 11 and Oct 25, and the November meetings will be Nov 8 and Nov 22.

The format will "generally" be similar to a "Twelve-Step Group". We will pray, welcome people, have coffee available (hopefully), have some handouts to share and discuss, give people who want to a time to "check in" with how they are doing, and so forth. **KEY POINT: NO ONE WILL BE FORCED TO SHARE; SPEAKING UP IS VOLUNTARY.**

I will help facilitate this group but would like a few other people to assist in being on a "planning team". We also need everyone's help to spread the word about this group. The plan is to invite people to come and "check it out"; if they feel comfortable they'll be back; if it's not for them, that is also acceptable. If you have some material from one of the funeral homes in the area dealing with grief and loss, please show them to me as we might decide to use them.

By the time you read this, I will have celebrated my "Golden Dyslexic Birthday", which happened on Tuesday, September 27. I was born in 1950 in Winner, so if you do the math, you can quickly determine that I am now 72 years young, which is why I have come up with the term "Golden Dyslexic Birthday!"

I've started doing some home visits and bringing Holy Communion with me when I do, so if you know of a senior/shut-in who would like me to do this, let me know and I'll follow up. Also, let the church know if someone is going into the hospital for surgery or any other reason, and I can follow up.

PASTOR JIM

September Council

Highlights

- Fall Kickoff Sunday was a lot of a fun and a great turnout of Zion members!
- The Mission and Outreach Committee is exploring the possibility of reinstating Table of Plenty meals in the future.
- Council approved the final draft of the Ministry Site Profile that was received from the Call Committee.
- Council approved a motion presented from the Worship and Music Committee to add a second service on October 30th for confirmation to accommodate the large confirmation class.

Special Offering for October is Aspire!

Aspire provides residential services to approximately 150 people. Some people are supported in their own homes and apartments, while others are supported in one of our eight certified residential facilities.

For all participants, our nursing staff provides health education and opportunities for a healthy lifestyle. As needed we also maintain medical records, assist with medical appointments, and assist during emergency medical situations. We assist in *Life skills - cooking, cleaning, *Personal needs - personal hygiene, medication administration, safety, *Community resources - shopping, transportation, *Personal finances - money management, *Social skills - building relationships, recreation, and leisure

Thanks for helping us help them!

Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park Preschool! We hope you are enjoying the beginning of fall! We definitely are in preschool. All the classes are settling in and we are having a blast getting to know each other!! We've been playing the name game and learning about each other during our question of the day. The children have been taking turns bringing snacks and being the helper for the day. They love this!! We've been learning a lot of new songs and already have some favorites.



The apple orchard and pumpkin patch are open in our dramatic play area - so fun! The children have been harvesting apples and pumpkins by the basketful!! We have our very first cooking day this week! I'm excited to see what the children think of our apple recipe!! ~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 give online today (multiple ways) by going to zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving

You can also scan this QR code with your smartphone and it will take you to our giving page.

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Janice Peterson
Beth Walth

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Shirley Wagemann
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Marge Rhodes

Minnesota

LeRoy Buechler

California

Erna Schmierer

Colorado

Ella Aipperspach



"GRATEFUL FOR YOU"

- ☺ Thanks to Shane Shauer for bringing his lawn mower for Art to use.
- ☺ Thanks to Millie Suchomel for sharpening and placing the pencils in the pews and for changing the table decorations.
- ☺ Thanks to April Nehlich for leading the call committee and the group for doing such swift work.
- ☺ Thanks to Ed Suchomel & Millie Suchomel for preparing & bringing the extra freezer meals.
- ☺ Thanks Glenn Denning for taking the chalk boards to the dump.
- ☺ Thanks to Norma Miller & Carmel Heyd for delivering quilts to Journey Home & Aspire.
- ☺ Thanks the Brumbaughs for the desk for Pastor Jim.
- ☺ Thanks to Jessica Moser, Shanae Florence, Marilyn Bender, Kelli Bretsch & Kelly VanderWeyst for painting in the SS classrooms.
- ☺ Thanks to Ryan Bretsch, Mike Bretsch & Shane Shauer for all you do when things at Zion need repair. Special thanks to Mike for replacing the carpet in the North entryway.
- ☺ Thanks to Carmel Heyd for always being willing to sit at a table in the Narthex to sell tickets.



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 in the other Sundays of the month.

New Members

On Sunday, September 18th, we welcomed two families into our Zion faith community.

Pictured below are Gary & Kim Omland and Janice Grieben & Lyle Johnsen, who affirmed their baptism during worship. Welcome to Zion!



Kim & Gary Omland



Lyle Johnsen & Janice Grieben

Freezer Meal Thank You

A member of Zion delivered a meal to a family after a death. The thank you from the family is as follows: Thank you so much for the beautiful card and the wonderful casserole. It sure came in handy with all the company.

Freezer Meals

If you know of anyone in need of a meal, please stop in to the church office during the week.

We will assist you in getting meals from the freezer to give to someone who is in need of one!



Rides Available

Sunday Van Rides Available!

Our van ride service is available on Sunday mornings for the 9:00 AM fall worship service. If you would like a ride to worship, or if you are willing to volunteer to drive the van, please call the church office at 225-6755 and talk to Donna.

Happenings at Zion

Fall Bazaar

The Zion Women's annual Fall Bazaar was held on Saturday, September 24th. Pictured below are the winners of the dinnerware silent auction and the quilt raffle. THANK YOU to all who helped to make the day such a success!



Quilt Raffle Winner

Sally Johannes (pictured with Organ Restoration Committee member Sonya Kempf)



Silent Auction Winner:

Ramona Cole



Preschool Craft Fundraiser

The Preschool Committee will be hosting a Gnome Craft Night fundraiser on Thursday, October 27th from 5:00-8:00 PM. The cost of each gnome will be \$10-\$20 based on the size of the gnome—you are welcome to make as many you want! Take home kits will be available for those who are unable to make it to the event. Walking tacos are available during the event for supper for \$5. Proceeds will benefit Noah's Park Preschool.



To help keep things moving, you are asked to bring hot glue gun if you have one; glue sticks will be provided (and extra hot glue guns for those who do not have their own). Please register on the table in the narthex.

The committee is asking Zion members for donations of felt, Christmas fabric, flannel, and old denim for the event. If you have any donations you would like to share, please bring them to the church office by Sunday, October 23rd. Thank you for your support!



Faith and Family

Progressive Supper

Our next progressive supper will be on **Sunday, October 23rd**. 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.

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. **We have cookbook gift kits available for purchase—get yours for the upcoming holiday season!**

Youth Group

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

The dates for MS & HS fall youth group are:

- Sunday, October 16th at 7:00 PM (during s'mores)
- Sunday, October 30th at 7:00 PM (during s'mores)
- Sunday, November 6th at 12:00 PM in the youth room
- Sunday November 13th at 7:00 PM (during s'mores)
- Sunday, November 20th at 12:00 PM in the youth room (service project)
- Sunday, December 4th at 12:00 PM in the youth room (service project)
- Sunday, December 11th at 12:00 PM in the youth room
- Sunday, December 18th at 12:00 PM in the youth room



Confirmation Kickoff Meeting

We will be holding our 9th grade confirmation kickoff meeting on Sunday, November 6th at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall.

We will talk about requirements for the final year of confirmation. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend!



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Staff

Pastor Jim Holthus.....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

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STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

THROUGH September 2022

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$30,000.00
 Actual Sept. Income: \$23,387.15
 Actual Sept. Expenses: \$25,700.00


*We have been \$2,000.00 or more short of meeting expenses for the last 3 months, leaving us with a deficit of almost \$6,000.00 to date.

ZION MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Rod Wiedrich
 Rod Wiedrich
 Rod Wiedrich
 Rod Wiedrich
 Karl\Sonya Kempf
 Rod Wiedrich
 Carmel Heyd
 Rod Wiedrich
 LaVina Nelson
 Rod Wiedrich
 Myron\Beth Walth

For:

Organ Fund
 Organ Fund
 ZLCW

 Organ Fund
 Organ Fund
 Organ Fund

From:

Mary Jane Kabrud
 Family & Friends
 Family & Friends
 Organ Fund
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Thank you for your ongoing gifts in memory of loved ones.

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS NEEDED

Call the office at
 225-6755 to sign up

\$110 for whole broadcast
 \$55 for half

Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday or check the bulletin board by the bathrooms. Open Sundays in the coming weeks include: October 2, 23, 30 & November 6, 20.

Worship Schedule

9:00 AM	Worship with live radio broadcast, Holy Communion, and livestream
10:00 AM	Fellowship time
10:10 AM	Sunday School

Worship Schedule

We currently have one service available on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. with Holy Communion being served each week. Each service will feature a kids' time and will be broadcast live on the radio on KSDN 930 AM and 102.1 FM. A time of fellowship and Sunday School will follow worship, starting at 10:10 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? 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 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!



For Your Information

*There will be two services held on Sunday, October 30th for Reformation Sunday, which is also Confirmation Sunday. One service will be held at 9:00 AM, and the Confirmation service will be held at 11:00 AM.

*Sandra will be on vacation from October 7-13.

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.

ORGAN FUNDRAISER

Tickets are now being sold for a Kate Spade purse and matching wallet. Tickets are \$25 each with 50 tickets to be sold. Drawing will take place when all tickets are sold.

No ticket table will be set up at church.

If you are interested and would like a ticket(s), contact:

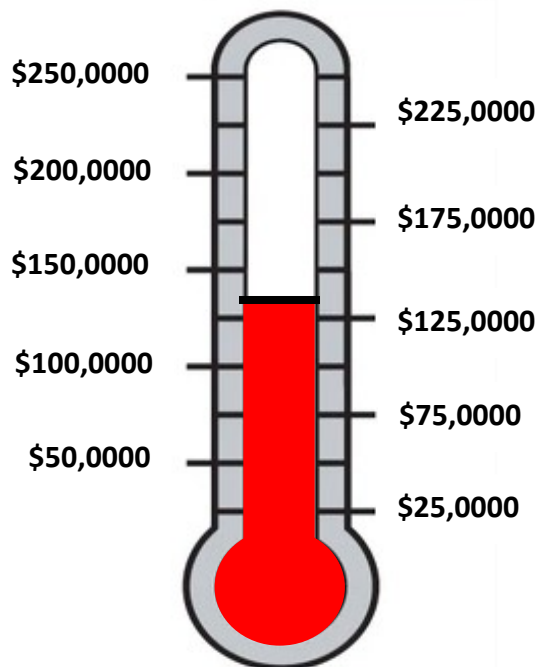
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Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$93,067.47
Unpaid pledges - \$44,752.87
Total project funds - \$137,820.34

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



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$112,179.66

Life Line Screening at Zion - Wednesday, October 26th, 8 AM - 5:30 PM

Service of Life Line Screening:

Life Line Screening offers more than 15 preventive screening that will give an overall look at your health. This screening is helpful for anyone above the age of 50. The company has chosen three important tests as their primary mark. These are abdominal ultrasound, blood test, and ECG. These investigations help to identify risk factors for cardiovascular diseases, stroke, osteoporosis, and many more.

The office has a few certificates good for one screening (\$70.00 dollar savings). Call Donna if interested in this coupon. To make an appointment, call 1-800-324-1851.

Happy Birthday PJ!

Pastor Jim celebrated his birthday on Tuesday, September 27th. The staff treated him to lunch at his favorite place—Guadalajaras. The council also celebrated at their monthly meeting with chocolate cake. Happy birthday! We hope you had a great day!

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(605) 225-6755

PASTOR JIM'S #
(218) 760-2028

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

Faith and Family



Trips Informational Meeting

There was an informational meeting held on September 18th for kids grades 6-12 interested in attending a service trip next summer to Denver or the ELCA Youth Gathering in summer 2024. If you missed the meeting but would like more information, please contact Sandra.



If you plan to attend one or both of the trips, please let Sandra know as soon as possible so we can get you started with our fundraisers!

Popcorn Ball Fundraiser

The Zion Youth Committee will be selling popcorn balls as a fundraiser for youth programming. Sales will occur from October 1-16, and popcorn balls will be ready for pickup on Sunday, October 23rd after worship. To place your orders, please sign up on the table in the narthex or call the church office during the week.

Orders can be paid for when being picked up.



Hay Rides and Fall Vibes Event

Mark your calendar--if you love all things fall, this one is for you!

On Sunday, October 2, we will be joining the middle and high school youth from Good Shepherd and St. John's in Warner for a joint fall event! We will meet at Zion at 3:30 PM and travel to Warner. From there, we will take a hay ride to the corn maze in Stratford; we'll then travel back to Warner for supper, a fire, music, and more!

This event is open to kids in grades 6-12.



S'mores with Sandra

Join Pastoral Assistant Sandra for some yummy treats in the north parking lot on the following Sunday evenings:
October 16 - October 30 - November 13

*6:15 PM Elementary youth—grades 3-5

*7:00 PM Middle School & High School

Bring a friend, and don't forget to dress warm! Hotdogs will also be available to roast over the open flame for supper.





BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
DURING WORSHIP**

3 year olds receive
a Storybook Bible

3rd graders receive
an NRSV Bible

Bible Presentations

On Sunday, October 16th, our three-year-olds and 3rd graders will be receiving their very own Bibles! Families can choose which service to attend to receive the Bibles.

Following worship that morning, the 3rd graders and a parent will meet with Pastoral Assistant Sandra to walk through their faith milestone, which includes an opportunity for kids to learn how to use their Bible.

The 3rd grade Bibles will be available to sign by congregation members starting on October 2nd.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday

We had an incredible turnout at Zion for God's Work Our Hands Sunday, which was held on September 18th. Over fifteen people came from Zion and Good Shepherd to make freezer meals for our freezer meal ministry. Thank you to those who worked together to make almost two dozen meals to benefit those in need!



Fall Kickoff Sunday

We had an incredible time celebrating on Fall Kickoff Sunday! The day started with worship and the installation of new interim Pastor Jim Holthus and Sunday School teachers. Then, we welcomed all of the children back for the first day of Sunday School and had fellowship time and tours of the refreshed education wing upstairs. The Zion Council hosted a welcome luncheon for PJ and Northern LuMin, and the day ended with a Fall Kickoff Bonfire in the evening, complete with a s'mores bar. Thank you to all who came and to those who worked so hard to organize, set up, serve, and tear down!



Happenings at Zion



Trunk or Treat

The Zion Faith Formation Committee will once again be hosting a Trunk or Treat event at the end of October. The event will be held on Sunday, October 30 from 4-6 PM, with a meal of hotdogs, chips, and dessert being served from 5-6 PM for a free will donation.

The committee is looking for donations of candy to be given out at the event, along with cookies to be given during the meal for dessert. There will also be a sign-up for those who would like to host a vehicle during the event.

To sign up to host a vehicle or bring cookies, please see the table in front of the Sunday School bulletin board in the fellowship hall by Friday, October 28th. All candy donations can be left on this table, as well (no need to sign up to bring candy). Donations should be brought to the church by Sunday the 30th at noon.

A Thank You from Altar Guild

Members of Zion Lutheran Church are truly amazing! One of the duties of Zion's Altar Guild is to inventory materials used for our weekly Holy Communion. Recently, Altar Guild members noted two matters of concern: The condition of our metal communion service and rising cost of goods needed for communion. The metal communion service which includes the chalice, mismatched patens and the host box, has been used for many years and is now in poor condition and no longer suitable for use on the altar. We have been using the ceramic set for communion until we can replace our old set. An Altar Guild committee was formed to look into the purchase of a new set.

The Committee discovered the cost of communion sets to be very costly but did find a beautiful set that would meet our needs at a cost of around \$3,000.00. Miraculously, an anonymous donor has stepped forward and offered to purchase the communion set for Zion. Altar Guild is deeply grateful.

Some of the other goods Altar Guild purchases regularly include wine, communion wafers and oil for the candles. As expected, we are seeing increases in all these costs. In an effort of good stewardship Altar Guild recently purchased eight gallons of wine while on sale. Altar Guild thanks the many people who have come forward in the past with generous donations to help purchase new banners, the flower cooler, our beautiful wooden altar, lectern, baptismal font, flowers to adorn the altar and now our communion service.

We ask that Zion's members remember Altar Guild when they consider giving special gifts and memorials or have extra money to tithe.

As our expenses continue to rise Altar Guild will work diligently to be good stewards of the resources we have. Thank you for your consideration and your generosity.

