

SEPTEMBER 2022

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Meet Pastor Jim Holthus

I am excited to begin as the part-time interim pastor at Zion Lutheran Church. I'm also excited to share that, thanks to Joel Albrecht who showed me this house for rent in his neighborhood, I now have a place to live in Aberdeen on SE 13th Ave.

I grew up on a farm between Woonsocket and Wessington Springs and graduated from Lane High School. (Anybody remember the Rainbow Ballroom in Lane?) My brother David still lives and farms there. I attended Northern State "College" from 1968-1972 and graduated with a B.S. in Ed. I worked at the old YMCA at 420 S. Lincoln and began as a "cage worker", then a lifeguard and the Aquatic Director, and finally the Youth Director. While attending Luther Seminary in St Paul I returned in the summers of 1976 and 1977 to be the YMCA Camp Wisagoma Director. (My junior and senior high pastor at our church in Wessington Springs was Pastor Ken Thurow, who had moved here to serve Zion in the 70's; he asked me to preach for him once during the summer of 1977 while he was on vacation, so I can honestly say I was up front leading worship at Zion once 45 years ago!)



I've served parishes in Hawley, MN and Perley, MN. I've been the Lutheran Campus Pastor at U of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Bemidji State College in Bemidji, and Omaha metro colleges and universities. I got a Masters of Ed. in Clinical Counseling from North Dakota State U in 1993 and worked as a counselor at Lutheran Social Services in Moorhead for a couple of years.

Since retiring and moving to Omaha I've served part-time interim pastorates at the American Lutheran Church in Ashland, Trinity Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church and Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Omaha metro.

My tentative moving schedule is to drive the U-Haul the 400 miles from Omaha to Aberdeen on Wednesday, August 31 so everything can be unloaded to the house and church office before Labor Day weekend.



I enjoy people, preaching, telling stories, giving feedback when asked, occasionally putting my "counselor hat" on, asking "Why do we do this?", working with youth and young adults, leading Bible studies, visiting shut-ins and less mobile people, and being an obedient human servant to my two ten-year old felines. I enjoy all kinds of table games, trivia contests, and listening to my collection of vinyl albums from the 60's and 70's (I intend to install my working turntable in my office and have the entire music collection available to play.)

You'll see me riding my electrical bicycle to church a lot as I have owned it for 16 months and have about 850 miles on it so far.

My cell phone is 218-760-2028 and my email address is Lootrn@hotmail.com, (which, if pronounced with a Scandinavian accent, is how you say "Lutheran".)

Thank you for this opportunity to be a partner in ministry with Zion Lutheran, to hang out in my old college town, and to be closer to my brother on the family farm.

August Council Highlights

- Pastor Jim (PJ) has signed a contract. We are awaiting Synod approval. His first Sunday will be September 11th.
- The Education Committee is working on refreshing all the classrooms upstairs for the start of the new school year.
- A motion was made by the Preschool Committee and approved by Council to increase preschool tuition prices effective for the next school year (2023-2024).
- The Worship and Music Committee proposed 9 AM church service, followed by Sunday School and Coffee / Fellowship. This would be effective Sunday, 9/11 through the annual meeting in January when the congregation will vote to extend or end this schedule. Council approved this motion.

Special Offering for September Is Safe Harbor

Originally formed in 1977, Safe Harbor began as a volunteer phone service providing information to women. Soon it was evident the community needed more than just a source of information, especially for people in need of shelter in a crisis situation.

Today, Safe Harbor serves adults and children by providing shelter and resources for making positive life choices. Their mission is to empower individuals in abusive situations by providing advocacy and support services; to educate and motivate the community to be proactive in eliminating abuse.

While they are based in Aberdeen, they serve seven counties in northeastern SD including Brown, Campbell, Day, Edmunds, Marshall, McPherson and Potter.

Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park! As my last few days of summer vacation wind down it's time to put the finishing touches on the preschool classroom. I have coat hooks to label, snack buckets to get ready and crayon boxes to open!! I have had two preschool pop-ins and one more to go this evening!



The pop-ins are like an open house where students and families can come and check out the room and drop off supplies. The first two went very well with most of the kiddos not wanting to leave!! I also got to see several former students which is one of my favorite things. It's so fun to see them come back down to preschool and talk about all the things they remember!! My next article will be all about the first few days of school!! Hopefully, we will have a smooth start to the year and get to do some amazing things!!! ~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.



ZION HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Bethesda Home

Ben Schroeder
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Marge Rhodes

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LeRoy Buechler

California

Erna Schmierer

Colorado

Ella Aipperspach



"GRATEFUL FOR YOU"

- ☺ Thanks to Shane Schauer for bringing his lawn mower for Art to use.
- ☺ Thanks to Millie Suchomel for sharpening and putting the pencils in the pews and changing the table decorations.
- ☺ Thanks to Zion's Call Committee for their hard work in completing the Site Ministry Profile.
- ☺ Thanks to the Education Committee for hosting all the VBS events.
- ☺ Thank you to LaVonne Merkel for filling in to answer the phone in the office on a Friday morning.
- ☺ Thanks to Jane Albrecht and Carmel Heyd for cleaning the cupboards in the Friendship room and taking all the vases to Boston Fern.



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.

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.

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Food For The Poor Guest Preacher

Pastor Darrell Golnitz, a native of Frederick, South Dakota, was ordained in 1976 for the SC Synod of the ELCA. He is a retired pastor of 40 years, serving congregations in CO, MN, SC, TN, WI and GA, 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.

Pastor Golnitz will preach here at Zion on Sunday, September 4. There will be a special offering envelope included in that day's announcements that you can use to make a special donation to their ministry, if you'd like.

We look forward to welcoming Pastor Darrell to Zion!

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

Zion Lutheran Church Women's Fall Bazaar

SEPTEMBER 24 • 9 AM - 1 PM • 1732 S MAIN

Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Booths will include:

Grandma's Treasures, Hobby Nook\Cozy Corner, Candy Corner, Bake Sale, Kuchen Corner, Fall Harvest\Garden Produce, Kid's Corner, Cookbook Kits & 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. Tickets for the quilt are being sold in the Narthex on Sundays and during the week in the church office. Tickets will be sold until the day of the Bazaar with the winner being drawn at 1:00 PM on September 24th. All quilt ticket proceeds will go towards the Organ Restoration Fund. Get your tickets today!

All members are being contacted to see how they can help with the Bazaar.

FALL KICKOFF Sunday

9.11.22

Fall Kickoff Sunday

We are so excited to begin another fall season here at Zion! There are lots of activities planned for the morning, so be sure to mark the date on your calendar and join in the fun!

Schedule of events:

9:00 AM	Worship with live radio broadcast, Holy Communion, and installation of new interim Pastor Jim Holthus
10:00 AM	Fellowship time
10:10 AM	Sunday School opening in the sanctuary; parent meeting to follow
11:00 AM	Fall Kickoff \Welcome PJ meal in the Fellowship Hall

During the fellowship hour, there will be different activities for all ages to participate in! There will be time to check out all the painting and work that has been done in the education wing upstairs, a ribbon cutting for the new LuMin office, and intergenerational Sunday School, which will include making quilt squares and fall table decorations.

At 11:00 AM, there will be a fall kickoff meal with a welcome to our new interim Pastor Jim Holthus. This meal of BBQs, hotdogs, salads, chips, beans, and dessert is free of charge and provided by the Zion Council. We can't wait to share the day together as a faith family!

Faith and Family

Progressive Suppers

Our next progressive supper will be on **Sunday, September 25th**. 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. **There will be cookbook gift kits available for purchase at the Bazaar—be sure to stop by and check them out!**

Youth Group

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

We will start fall youth group in **October**.

There is a survey that was sent out to the middle and high school youth. Please complete it so we know the best time to host youth group!



Confirmation Meetings



We will be holding our confirmation kickoff meetings coming up in September. We are making a couple of changes to the 7 & 8 requirements for confirmation, so be sure to attend!

- 7&8 grades: Sundays September 18th & 25th @ 10:10 AM in the youth room upstairs (only need to attend one of the meetings)
- 9th grade: Will meet in November
- 10th grade: Sunday, September 25 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

If you can't make it, please contact Sandra, and she will meet with you individually to talk about requirements and take care of any needed training.

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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.

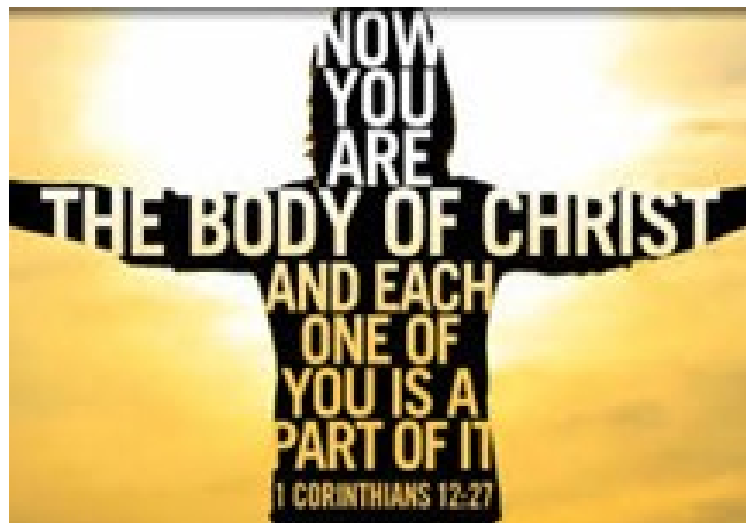
CHURCH COUNCIL

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 August 29 2022

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$30,000.00

Actual April Income: \$22,811.92

Actual April Expenses: \$22,374.85

ZION MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Rod Wiedrich
 Rod Wiedrich
 Rod Wiedrich
 Susanne Ruhnke
 Rod Wiedrich
 Rod Wiedrich
 Rod DuFault
 Gerald Craig Smith

For:

Organ Fund
 Card Makers
 Organ Fund
 Organ Fund
 Organ Fund
 Organ Fund
 Organ Fund
 General Fund

From:

Ray\Marcie Andersh
 Delores Anderson
 Carmel Heyd
 Carmel Heyd
 Randall\Gayle Fauth
 Gladys Melcher
 Gladys Melcher
 Gerald\Mary Smith



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: September: 18 (half); October 2, 9, 23, 30.

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

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

Worship Schedule

Zion Council voted at their August meeting to continue with one service until the annual meeting. Beginning on **Sunday, September 11**, there will be one service held at 9:00 AM in the sanctuary; Holy Communion will be served each week. Our radio broadcast time will also switch to 9:00 AM every Sunday to accommodate this change to allow for a live broadcast; the service can be heard on KSDN 930 AM or 102.1 FM. A time of fellowship and Sunday School will follow worship.

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?

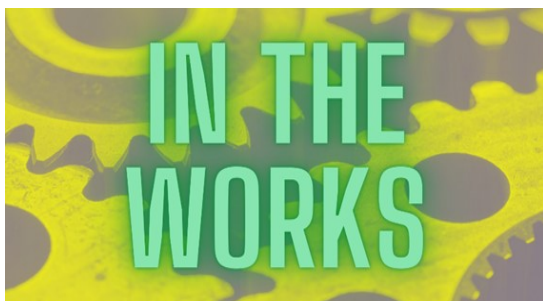
Let Pastor Mark or Pastoral Assistant Sandra know of your interest! We'd love to know if you're thinking about becoming a member. Or you can call the church at 225-6755 or by email: zion@nvc.net.



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!



God's Work Our Hands Sunday

We are currently working with Bethlehem and Good Shepherd churches to finalize plans for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, which will most likely be held later this month. Be sure to check upcoming bulletins and announcements for details!

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.

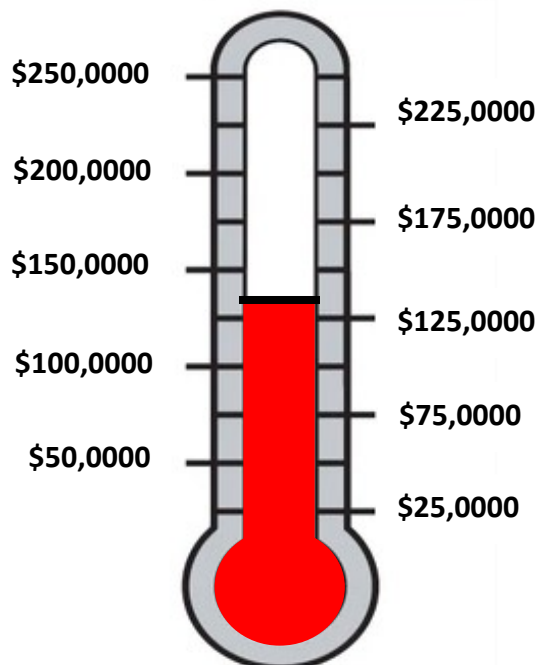
**Mark Your Calendars
Coming in October
Festival Folk Music Event
At Zion
Be watching for more
information!**



Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$91,519.92
Unpaid pledges - \$43,175.42
Total project funds - \$134,695.34

Our Goal: \$250,000



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$115,304.66

Eichler
HEARING CENTER

Free Hearing Screenings

Eichler Hearing Center is hosting a lunch and free hearing screenings on **Wednesday, September 28** at Zion. Lunch will be served around noon. To sign up for the event, please call the church office (225-6755) or sign up on the table in the narthex by Wednesday, September 21; the hearing center will then contact you to ask a couple questions and set up a specific time for your free hearing screening on the 28th. No products will be sold. For any additional questions, please visit with Sandra.

Lifeline Screening

Lifeline Screening will be at Zion on Wednesday, October 26th. To schedule your appointment, call: 1-800-324-1851 or visit lisa.social/hs

CHURCH PHONE
(605) 225-6755

PASTOR JIM'S #
(218) 760-2028

STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

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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.

Faith and Family



Trips Informational Meeting

We have some exciting opportunities available for middle and high school youth to travel and serve others! There will be a service trip to Denver in June 2023 and the ELCA Youth Gathering in July 2024. The trip to Denver will allow for a day of sightseeing in the area, and we will be staying at a retreat center outside of the city.

If you are interested in attending either, please come to the informational meeting on Sunday, September 18 at 11:00 AM. We'll discuss timeline, what we'll do, and fundraising. In the meantime, check our website for some preliminary details!

**20 ELCA YOUTH
24 GATHERING**

Fall Kickoff Bonfire

We're celebrating a new school year and the beginning of fall! Stop by for our fall kickoff bonfire from 8-9 PM on Sunday, September 11 in the north parking lot. There will be a make your own s'mores bar with lots of different ingredients, hot apple cider, games, music, and more! Open to MS & HS youth--bring a friend!

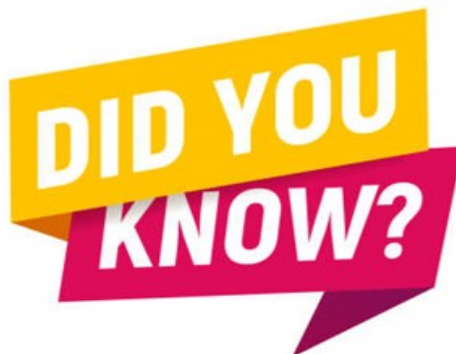


Hay Rides and Fall Vibes Event

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.



Did You Know?

Sandra sent a middle school and high school update through the mail and a Mailchimp. Did you get it? If not, be sure to check your mail and email!

There are lots of details in there specific to our middle and high school youth, including upcoming events and opportunities for input!

Zion's Annual Fall Bazaar – Donation List

Your help is needed to make the 2022 Fall Bazaar a success. Please indicate if you are able to help with any of the areas listed below and return this sheet to the church office.

_____ I can donate _____ pies to be used in the kitchen the day of the bazaar.

_____ I can donate _____ dozen rolls to be used in the kitchen the day of the bazaar.

_____ I can donate _____ kuchen to be used in the kitchen the day of the bazaar.

_____ I can donate baked goods for the Bake Shop or candy for the Candy Shop.

_____ I can donate crafts or sewn items for the Hobby Nook.

_____ I can donate plants.

_____ I can help make kuchen on Friday, September 23rd.

_____ I am willing to donate item(s) for kuchen baking (list the items).

(Items needed are sugar, Dakota Maid flour, eggs, shortening, butter,
cherry & blueberry pie filling.)

_____ I am willing to donate money to purchase ingredients.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

If you are donating ingredients for kuchen baking, please bring them to the church by **noon on Monday, September 19th**.

If you are donating items to be used in the kitchen the day of the bazaar or baked goods for the Bake Shop, please bring them to the church by **Friday, September 23rd by 8:30 AM or on Saturday, September 24th**.

***Please seriously consider helping/volunteering with this year's bazaar, especially on Friday for Kuchen baking. If you can't help all day Friday, you can choose morning to help bake or afternoon to help bag and get the kuchen ready to sell.**

***Contact Millie Suchomel @ 380-6373 or Carmel Heyd @ 229-1360 if you're planning to help.**

***Thanks so much for volunteering!**

