



NOVEMBER 2022

# ZION'S JOURNEY

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

First of all, this has been a frustrating time for me, health-wise, as I've been fighting a cold and allergies all of October and have had to cut back on many of the visits I'd hoped to make. I saw a doctor yesterday and hopefully am in the process of getting "back to normal" and being able to do home Communion visits and meet some of the seniors who don't get out much. I have a list of people I hope to see but please call the church if you'd like me to stop by also. My unofficial goal is to do three or so home visits each week, once I'm healthy.

Our Grief Group continues to come together twice a month to visit, and share hopes and memories that are healing. I have also decided to post more websites that I think could be helpful in dealing with the grief process on our church Facebook page when I update the information about the next meeting. In November we will meet Tuesday, November 8 and Tuesday, November 22 in the room next to the kitchen from 10:30 – 11:30. We look at handouts that I have found and shared, we share a devotion, and we give people WHO WANT TO a time to share how their life is going now and where they may be in their own process. Here is a website that refers to Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, a psychiatrist who did pioneering work in the grief process and also was instrumental in the hospice programs of the 70's. For those of you who are about my age, you might remember that Dr Kubler-Ross spoke at the Johnson Fine Arts Center at NSU in 1976 or 1977 and I was privileged to be in the audience to hear her. For more grief resources, visit the Zion website.

<https://grief.com/the-five-stages-of-grief/>

In November we finish the "church year calendar" and begin a new "church year". Yes, I know, the church year doesn't line up with the calendar year. Our year begins with the first Sunday in Advent, which this year is on November 27, and continues through Dec 4, 11, and 18<sup>th</sup>, with Christmas this year being on a Sunday! We begin our Wednesday evening Advent worship services on November 30, and they continue on December 7 and December 14—all at 6:05 p.m. with supper each of those three weeks starting around 5:15. We are NOT having mid-week Advent worship on December 21 as we are leaving that open with no church activities for families to catch up with whatever they need to do.

I will be leaving Aberdeen Wednesday morning, Nov 23 (the day before Thanksgiving) and returning Friday evening Nov 25. I'm going up to Bemidji, MN to visit old friends. This is where I served in my last full-time call as Lutheran Campus Pastor serving Bemidji State University. Remember that you can always stay in touch with me through email at [lootr@hotmai.com](mailto:lootr@hotmai.com) or my cell phone as I still have my Minnesota phone #: 218-760-2028.

Our "Every Buddy Bible Study" for all church members plus confirmands and their parents continues on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 as we are focusing on Martin Luther's Small Catechism. We will meet in November on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> and NOT on the 23<sup>rd</sup> as it is the day before Thanksgiving and we imagine that some families will be traveling. Then the Bible study goes on hiatus during Advent and will return in January! We will let you know our schedule later.

~PJ

### October 2022 Council Highlights

- The Worship and Music Committee brought a motion to Council to hold three midweek Advent services with no service on Wednesday, December 21. The Council approved the motion.
- There will be a soundboard rework on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> following worship, as the soundboard hasn't been tuned since being installed in 2015.
- The Mission & Outreach Committee is holding a food drive to benefit the Salvation Army Backpack program through November 13.
- Donna will be out of the office November 16-21; Pastor Jim will be gone November 23-25.

### Special Offering for November is **SD Multicultural Ministries (Pine Ridge & Woyatan)**

The ministry at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center seeks to foster mutual trust, respect and understanding while addressing the deep poverty that exist. There are four main ministries that operate out of our building: baskets, cultural immersions, Lakota Job Corp, and children and youth.

Woyatan Lutheran Church in Rapid City is an emerging ministry of the ELCA. In Lakota "woyatan" means praise and thanks. At our church, we include parts of Native American spirituality to tell the Christian story. We offer clothing, feeding, and discipleship programs, as well as a cancer care group, Fathers Against Meth, and re-entry programs for those who have been in prison.

## Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park Preschool!! Happy Fall! The chilly fall weather seemed to come pretty quickly which has made some of our fall activities even cozier! We have had our pumpkin patch and apple orchard dramatic play areas open and the children have been making "apple juice" and "apple pie" to sell. They have been acting out Little Miss Muffet which has been a surprisingly big hit! J We made torn paper candy corn and in the next couple days we will have a skeleton puzzle scavenger hunt and see which group can assemble their skeleton the quickest! We get to have a cozy Halloween celebration with pajamas and snacks and a little movie!! It's going to be fun!!

~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 [zionlutheranaberndeen.org/giving](https://zionlutheranaberndeen.org/giving)

You can also 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

### Primrose Cottages

Frances Wolff

### Mother Joseph

Lois Sollie

### Milbank

Marge Rhodes

### Bethesda Town Sq.

Meta Vetter  
Shirley Wagemann  
Viola Tetherow  
Gladys Voegele  
Lorraine Kusler

### Groton Health Care

Leon Tobin  
Joe & Ruth Bosmoe

### Derian Lodge

LaVon Elsen

### Minnesota

LeRoy Buechler

### California

Erna Schmierer

### Colorado

Ella Aipperspach



## "GRATEFUL FOR YOU"

☺ Thanks to all the people who were mentors for our Confirmands who got confirmed on October 30th.

☺ Thanks to an anonymous donor for the donation allowing us to order a new chalice and paten for communion. We will dedicate the new set in November.

☺ Thanks to Millie Suchomel for cleaning while Art was out for his surgery.

☺ Thanks to all who helped take down and put back all the tables for the Lifeline Screening.

☺ Thanks to Norma Miller for sewing the banner for Confirmation Sunday.

☺ Thanks to all who have participated in any October fundraiser that were held. Our ministries could not be possible without your support.

### 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.

## Your Legacy: Family, Church and Charity workshop

November 10 2022, 10:00 am

Aberdeen Sr Center, 1303 7th Ave SE, Aberdeen, SD

Are there people and organizations you care about and want to help financially? Join us for Your Legacy: Family, Church and Charity on November 10 at Aberdeen Sr Center to learn how you can develop a giving strategy.

To RSVP, contact Matt Scott at 605-725-2025 or [matt.scott@thrivent.com](mailto:matt.scott@thrivent.com).

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### Call Committee Update

The Ministry Site Profile for calling a new pastor has been completed, approved by the church council and the synod. Our information is now available online throughout the ELCA for viewing by interested pastors. Continue to pray for our congregation and an answer to our call.

### 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.



# Faith and Family

## Progressive Suppers

We are taking a break for November and December with the upcoming holiday season. Be sure to check out our other youth events and service projects for the next couple of months!

We have had a blast so far this fall at our progressive supper nights! Below are pictures from both September and October. Thank you to the Andersons, VanderWeysts, Albrechts, and Nehlichs for hosting us this fall! We can't wait to start back up again in January!



## 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 fall youth group are:**

- Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM in the youth room
- Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM (during s'mores)
- Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM in the youth room (service project)
- Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> (with NSU Lumin)
- Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM in the youth room
- Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM in the youth room



## Confirmation Kickoff Meeting

We will be holding our 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation kickoff meeting on Sunday, **November 13<sup>th</sup>** (note the date change) 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!



**Zion Lutheran Church**  
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 Aberdeen, SD 57401  
 (605) 225-6755 zion@nvc.net  
 zionlutheranaberndeen.org

### 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 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, church and unchurched, welcoming all into the family of God.

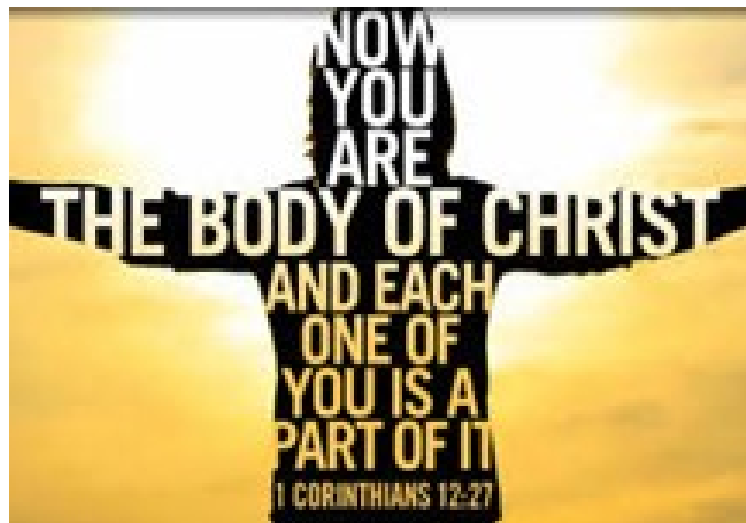
### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

#### **Officers / Executive Committee:**

Jena German .....President  
 Ed Suchomel .....Vice President  
 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 October 2022**

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$30,000.00

Actual Oct. Income: \$25,441.72

Actual Oct. Expenses: \$29,880.07

\*Thanks for your faithful giving to the ministries of Zion.

### **ZION MEMORIALS**

#### **In Memory of:**

Rod Wiedrich  
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 Rod Wiedrich  
 Harold Hoffman  
 Pius Vetter  
 Pius Vetter  
 Pius Vetter  
 Harold Hoffman  
 Harold Hoffman  
 William Kukrall  
 Harold Hoffman  
 Harold Hoffman

#### **For:**

Organ Fund  
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 Organ Fund  
 Organ Fund  
 Altar Guild  
 Altar Guild  
 Sunday School  
 Organ Fund  
 Altar Guild  
 Altar Guild  
 Altar Guild  
 Organ Fund  
 Organ Fund

#### **From:**

Karl\Sonya Kempf  
 Carmel Heyd  
 LaVina Nelson  
 Myron\Beth Walth  
 LaVern Albrecht  
 Wilma Zimmerman  
 Loren\April Nehlich  
 Carmel Heyd  
 Wilma Zimmerman  
 Rose Wiedrich  
 Kathy Franz  
 Don\Susan Hoffman  
 Olga Kempf

**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: November 6, 20; December 4, 18.

# 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

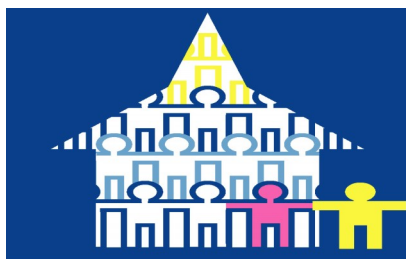
We currently have one service available on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. with Holy Communion being served each week. Each service will feature a kids' time and will be broadcast live on the radio on KSDN 930 AM and 102.1 FM. A time of fellowship and Sunday School will follow worship, starting at 10:10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

## In the Works

Plans are in the works for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services. As soon as details are finalized, we will share this information with you through the announcements, social media, and the December newsletter!

### 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 Restoration Raffle

Tickets are 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:

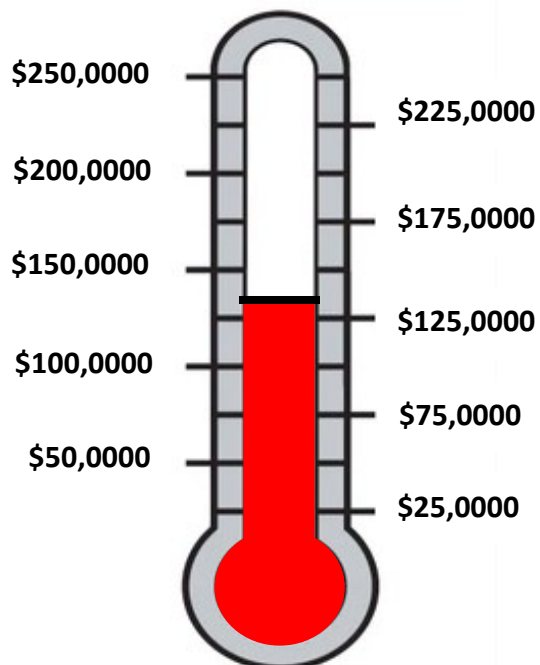
Sue Gates: 290-1684  
Zach Anderson: 252-1229  
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Sonya Kempf: 228-2490



### Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$97,344.27  
Unpaid pledges - \$42,414.07  
Total project funds - \$139,758.34

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



Remaining pledge amount needed  
**\$110,241.66**

### Organ Restoration Fundraiser



The Organ Restoration committee is selling squares for \$5 a square for the opportunity to win one of 9 gift cards in denominations from \$25 to \$100. Once all 150 squares are sold, winners will be randomly selected with the first person drawn getting a \$100 Ken's gift card then from highest value to lowest. Each square may only win once.

Thank you to Ken's Superfair Foods, CorTrust Bank, and Primerica for the donation of the gift cards. If you have any questions, reach out to any member of the Organ Committee.

### Thankoffering Sunday

The ZLCW Thankoffering service is Sunday, November 13th. Envelopes will be handed out on Sunday, November 6th. The offering will be a processional collected in a quilt on Thankoffering Sunday.



The money collected will be kept locally and used for gloves, hats, scarves, school supplies and fabric needed to make blankets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Thanks for your participation!

**CHURCH PHONE**  
(605) 225-6755

**PASTOR JIM'S #**  
(218) 760-2028

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

Web: [zionlutheranaberdeen.org](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org)  
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Instagram: [@zlcaberdeensd](https://www.instagram.com/zlcaberdeensd)



# Faith and Family



## Service Trips Meeting

There will be another informational meeting about our middle and high school service trip to Denver in Summer 2023 and the ELCA Youth Gathering Summer 2024 on **Sunday, November 20 at 11:30 AM**. Anyone who is interested in going should attend this meeting, as we will be talking about upcoming fundraising opportunities. If you can't make the meeting but are interested in either trip, please be sure to visit with Pastoral Assistant Sandra.

**2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING**

## Young Adult Gathering

The ELCA planning team announced an exciting addition to the ELCA Youth Gathering to be held in Summer 2024—they are also hosting a Young Adult gathering!! This event is geared to adults 18-35 and will be separated out by age group. A meeting will be held after Christmas to gauge interest, as we will have the opportunity to travel together to New Orleans. Stay tuned for more information!



**2024 ELCA Youth Gathering**  
including **MYLE the tAble**  
Young Adult Gathering

## S'MORES WITH SAUNDRA — 6:15 & 7:00 PM —

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NORTH PARKING LOT

Join Sandra for smores, faith, and fellowship on

November 13



## S'mores with Sandra

Join Pastoral Assistant Sandra for some yummy treats in the north parking lot on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## Tree of Saints

Again this year, our youth will be putting up a Tree of Saints to remember all of our loved ones during this holiday season.

Ornaments are \$5 each and will be customized with your loved one's name; they then will be placed on the Tree of Saints at the back of the sanctuary and will be displayed through the Christmas season. You are welcome to take the ornaments home at any time, but we encourage you to leave them through Christmas services.

Sales will start Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and go through Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Ornaments will be white with blue lettering. All proceeds from the ornament sales benefit the youth attending our service trips.





### Soundboard Training

There will be a soundboard tuning and training on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> following worship in the sanctuary. Praise Band members and soundboard operators should plan to attend.

### Out of the Office

Donna will be out of the office on November 16-21; however, the office will still be open normal days and hours.

Pastor Jim will be out of town November 23-25 but will still be reachable by phone or email in case of emergency.

### Office Closed

The office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



### Midweek Advent Services

Join us as we wait in anticipation of our Savior's birth! Midweek Advent worship services will be held starting on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:05 PM; services will be livestreamed.

There will be freewill suppers before worship from 5:15-6:00 PM.



### Advent Decorating

The Christmas season is almost upon us! We will be decorating our building in celebration of Advent and Christmas on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

We are looking for volunteers of all ages who are willing to help put up trees, wreathes, nativity sets, etc.



### Men's Fellowship Opportunity

On Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM, there will be a men's meeting at The One Legged Pheasant for an opportunity for fellowship. This is intended to be extremely informal and an opportunity to get to know one another. Please feel free to invite a friend, and we will see you there!



# Happenings at Zion

## Bible Presentations

On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, some of our three-year-olds (Linnea Pies, Carson Miller, Odin Lambrechts, Brom Stanek, and Lillian Madsen) and third graders (Carter Moser and Emersyn Jondahl) were presented with their very own Bibles! The older kids then participated in a Bible milestone with Pastoral Assistant Sandra, where they learned how to use their new Bibles to look up scripture and all the cool features that come with it. They also received My Bible books and highlighters from the church, along with Bible bookmarks from the Education Committee. Pictured below are thee kiddos receiving their Bibles during worship.



## Hay Rides and Fall Vibes Event

We had almost thirty youth from Zion, Good Shepherd, and St. John's participate in our Hay Ride and Fall Vibes event on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone took a hay ride from St. John's to the Bellator Titan's corn maze in Stratford, where we completed the corn maze and learned more about the Bellator Titans and the service work they do. After returning to Warner, we roasted hotdogs and s'mores while enjoying some fellowship time together.

