

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

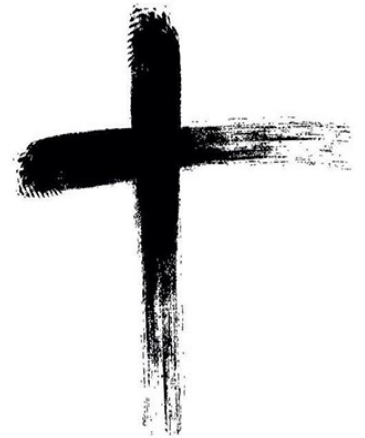
Lent

The word **Lent** comes from two older words that mean **spring season** and **lengthen** (since the days are getting longer.) It starts on Ash Wednesday, which this year is on Wednesday, February 22 and is completed during Holy Week on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. This season in the church year is basically a call to take Jesus more seriously than we usually do; it is a time to reflect on our life and God's call to us to live as Christians. There are three primary things to focus on during this season: prayer, fasting, and sharing/stewardship. All Christians are asked/expected to find a way to include these things in their own lives during this season.

Here are some opportunities for you to try:

Lenten Behaviors

- Read one chapter of the Bible each day
- Pray intentionally for five minutes every day
- Donate up to 10% of your income
- Volunteer an hour a week in service
- Each week, write or call one person who has touched your life in a positive way
- Visit a nursing home & help out
- Find a prayer partner and pray with them
- Put other people first for an hour each day
- Keep a prayer journal
- Give away clothes you don't need or wear or linens, furniture, utensils, jewelry
- Stop doing a negative habit and replace it with a positive behavior instead



Midweek Lenten Worship Services

Midweek Worship Schedule on Wednesday nights will focus on Luther's Small Catechism. This is what the confirmation class/Bible study has been focusing on for their studies on Wednesday evenings through January. This is a positive way for us to remember and reflect on how much we need to keep this small booklet close to us and review it regularly.

Lenten Bible Study

Pastor Jim will be offering a Bible study on Thursdays over the lunch hour during Lent; the first one will start February 23. If you are working and can leave the office for lunch, bring a sack lunch and come on over. We'll start about 12:10 and finish about 12:50. The first Bible study will be all about Lent, how it started, and ways to make it important. Then, the group will choose the next week's Bible study from a list of topics.

January 2023 Council Highlights

- A healing service is being planned for every 5th Sunday in 2023. The first healing service will be held on Sunday, January 29th; the next healing service will be in April.
- Positive feedback was shared on Pastor Jim's ordination anniversary celebration and New Member Sunday with nametags.
- Concerns were shared on motion lighting in the fellowship hall and cameras/Ring doorbells at the doors as doors currently are unlocked during the day. Both topics were referred to the Properties committee for discussion and follow-up.
- Table of Plenty is relaunching March 27th and are planning on being held the 4th Monday of each month. They will need volunteers for various stations on these evenings; please consider helping and bring a friend to help, too!

Special Offering for February is Habitat for Humanity

We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. We believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities.

Our Mission:

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

For more information visit us at: www.hubhabitat.org/



Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park!! We have been having a lot of fun being back in school in 2023 with no snow days so far (knock on wood)!! The kiddos have enjoyed being back with their friends and making "pizzas" in our pizza parlor. Since the pizza parlor has been such a hit, we are making homemade pizza roll-ups for cooking day. It's a new recipe for us which so it will be extra fun for us to try out! We have also been finishing up our gingerbread theme which was cut short in December due to the snow days. We are starting a unit about penguins introduced by the riddle of the day. The riddles are so much fun and we hadn't done one for a long time! After penguins, we will start getting ready for Valentine's Day! Stay warm and cozy! ~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.

ZION HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Bethesda Home

Ben Schroeder
Carol Knispel
Jane Fischer
Janice Peterson
Esther Ottenbacher

Primrose Cottages

Frances Wolff

Mother Joseph

Lois Sollie
Joyce Mentzer

Derian Lodge

LaVon Elsen

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Marge Rhodes

Bethesda Town Sq.

Meta Vetter
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Viola Tetherow
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Groton Health Care

Leon Tobin
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Minnesota

LeRoy Buechler

California

Erna Schmierer

Colorado

Ella Aipperspach

Aberdeen Health & Rehab

Milbert Dais



“GRATEFUL FOR YOU”

- ☺ Thanks to Mike Bretsch & Shane Schauer for taking down the Christmas trees.
- ☺ Thanks to Judy Abl, Deb Hardy, & Stacy Geffre for taking down the Christmas decorations.
- ☺ Thanks to all who helped get reports ready or did audits for the annual report.
- ☺ Thanks to our outgoing council members: Jena German & Nancy Schmidt.
- ☺ Thanks to Loren & April Nehlich for cleaning/disinfecting the Nursery.
- ☺ Thanks to Millie Suchomel for making and donating some freezer meals.
- ☺ Thanks to Mike & Kathy Brumbaugh for the post-its and pens.
- ☺ Thanks to all of our van drivers for 2023.

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.



Zion Youth Committee
CHEX MIX SALES
JANUARY 15 -
FEBRUARY 5
Cost: \$5/quart-sized bag

Chex Mix Sales

The Youth Committee will continue selling Chex Mix as a fundraiser for youth programming through Sunday, February 5th. Cost is \$5 per quart-sized bag. Orders can be picked up from the kitchen following worship on Sunday, February 12. To place your order, please call the church office or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Orders can be paid for when picked up.

****Note: there will not be peanuts in the recipe in consideration to those who may have an allergy****

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

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 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 worship service. If you would like a ride to worship, please call the church office at 225-6755 and talk to Donna.

Faith and Family



Progressive Supper

Our next progressive supper will be on **Sunday, February 26th**. Open to middle and high school youth. **Bring a friend!** We will meet at Zion at 5:00 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.



First Sundays

Join Pastoral Assistant Sandra for a time of fellowship, service, faith, and fun!

We will have a consistent time for middle and high school youth to get together during the spring (Feb-May): the first Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM. We'll meet in the youth room upstairs; each day will have a different theme/topic, and activities will vary from time to time.



Stockholder Fundraiser

The youth attending the Denver service trip in June are selling stock in their trip! Each \$25 donated will give you 1 stock in the youth and a seat at our Stockholders Dinner that will be held after the end of our trip. To purchase stock, please see a youth on Sunday morning or talk to Sandra. Cash, check, and Venmo accepted!

Donations of other amounts gladly accepted; however, no stock will be issued (which means no seat at the dinner). Please consider a donation to support our youth and their mission work!

DENVER SERVICE TRIP YOUTH

STOCKHOLDER FUNDRAISER

NOW THROUGH THE END OF THE MARCH 2023

PURCHASE STOCK IN OUR YOUTH. EVERY \$25 GETS YOU 1 STOCK IN THE YOUTH AND A SEAT AT OUR STOCKHOLDERS DINNER THAT WILL BE HELD ONCE WE RETURN FROM OUR TRIP

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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, churched and unchurched, welcoming all into the family of God.

Church Council

Officers / Executive Committee:

Ed Suchomel.....President
 Joel AlbrechtTreasurer
 Brent Stanek.....Secretary

Council Representatives:

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

Service Project

Members of our youth completed tie blankets to be donated to the community on Sunday, January 15. Pictured below are Cadynce German and her friend, Addy, with one of the tie blankets that was completed.



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT
January 2023

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$30,000.00
 Actual Jan. Income: \$25,169.14
 (as of Jan. 28th)
 Actual Jan. Expenses: \$28,335.01
 (as of Jan. 28th)

*Thank you for your generous support of Zion Lutheran Church with your gifts of time, talent and offerings. We look forward to your continued support of the ministries in the year ahead.

ZION MEMORIALS

In Memory of: Marjorie Seymour
For: Sunday School
From: Loren\April Nehlich

Freezer Meal Prep Day

Freezer meal prep/cooking day will be on Sunday, February 19 following fellowship (approximately 11 am). Ingredient cards are out in the Narthex, and we would like ingredients to the church no later than Friday, February 17.

We could also use some help cooking that day. Come join us for some fun and fellowship!

Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

We have several openings for this new year! If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday! The following Sundays are available to be sponsored:

February 12, February 26, March 5, March 12,
 March 26, April 2

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 features a kids' time and is broadcast live on the radio on KSDN 930 AM and 102.1 FM. A time of fellowship and Sunday School follow worship, starting at 10:10 a.m.

All services are livestreamed on our Facebook page and website. Recordings of the broadcasts were also 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!



Visitation

Pastor Jim continues to respond to requests for in-person visits or telephone visits. He normally will bring Holy Communion with him when he goes to someone's home and ask if that person or couple would like to commune. He is also calling various members to simply check in with them and find out how they're doing. If you'd like a visit or a phone call, please let him know.

Visitation

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.

Lifeline Screening

Lifeline Screening will be held at Zion on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Take a step toward staying Healthy & Active.

To register for your appointment and to receive a special discount, please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC.

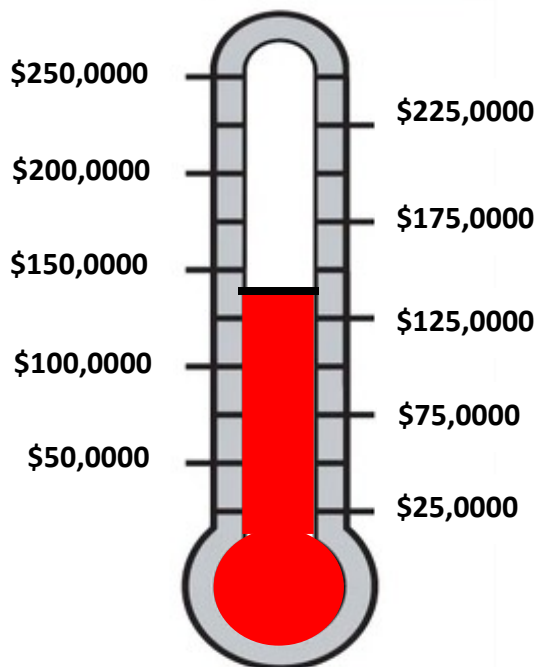
Grab a pink flyer in the Narthex for more information.



Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$108,780.71
Unpaid pledges - \$35,649.52
Total project funds - \$144,430.23

Our Goal: \$250,000



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$105,569.77

Winter Vendor and Craft Fair

Saturday, February 4th
9 AM -- 2 PM
Zion Lutheran Church

Winter Vendor Fair

Zion will be hosting our second annual Winter Vendor and Craft Fair on Saturday, February 4th, starting at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase. To see a full list of vendors, please check out our Facebook event or see the posters hanging throughout the building.



Puzzle Checkout

Puzzles are back! In Classroom C, there is a table with puzzles available for checkout. Simply write your name, phone number, puzzle title, and checkout date on the sheet. When you return the puzzle, please put the check in date.

If you have any new or gently used puzzles of 500 pieces or more (with all pieces) that you would like to donate, please bring them to the office.

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STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

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Happenings at Zion



Out of the Office

*Saundra has continued from February 3—February 6 online; she will be around but not always available depending on the conference schedule.

*Donna will be taking vacation from February 7—February 14. The office will be open normal hours except Tues & Thurs mornings; on those days, the office will open at 9:00 AM.

*Pastor Jim will be out of town February 9—February 11. This will be a short pre-Lent time away and he will be journeying through Fargo, ND to Bemidji, MN. He intends to visit some of Zion's members who have relocated to those towns during this trip and will be attending the funeral of a close friend's mother Friday afternoon, February 10. You can always reach him by his cell phone in case of an emergency.



Shrove Tuesday Family Night

Join us for a night of fun before the beginning of Lent! We will be hosting a pancake and family game night on Tuesday, February 21 from 5-7 PM. The Men's Group will be serving pancakes for a free will offering. Some board games will be provided, but we invite you to bring your favorite family game with you. Pastor Jim is planning on playing some foosball, so be sure to bring your A game!

ZION LUTHERAN

Wednesdays in Lent Schedule

Midday service
12:15 PM

Evening service
6:05 PM

Meals begin at 11:30 AM and 5:30 PM

Theme: Luther's Small Catechism

Midweek Lenten Services

Join us for midweek Lenten services that focus on "Luther's Smaller Catechism". Service times are 12:15 PM and 6:05 PM, with a meal served before each service.

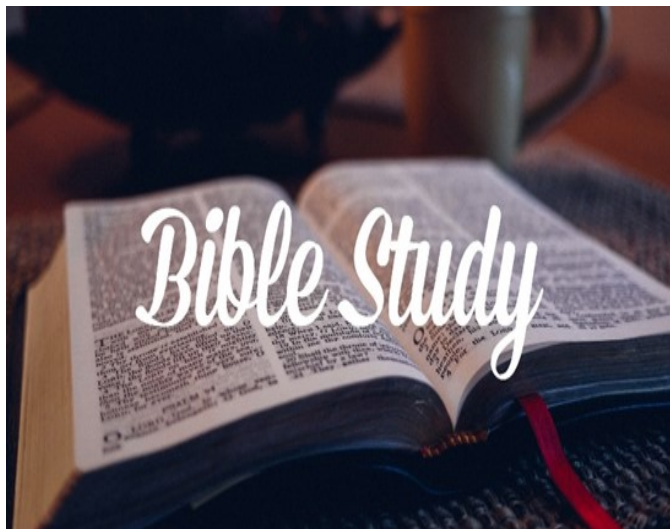
The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services, which will be held on **Wednesday, February 22** and will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Looking Ahead...

Midweek Lenten services will be every Wednesday during the month of March. As we look ahead to the end of the season, here are some important dates to put on your calendar:

- Palm Sunday: April 2
- Maundy Thursday: April 6
- Good Friday: April 7
- Easter Sunday: April 9

Happenings at Zion



Bible Study During Lent

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Thrivent Action Team Grants

Are you a Thrivent member? You can organize a Thrivent Action Team to help Zion! Action Teams are small groups (including at least one Thrivent member) organized for service projects or fundraisers. Thrivent provides a \$250 debit card as seed money for supplies and other project needs. Learn more at thrivent.com or contact Pastoral Assistant Sandra for ideas on how your Action Team can help support our ministries here at Zion and beyond.



Men's Fellowship Opportunity

On Wednesday, February 22nd 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!

Progressive Lock-In

Join us for a Night of Parables as we travel from Good Shepherd to Zion to St. John's in Warner for a progressive lock-in! The event will be held on Friday, March 3rd; we will meet at Zion at 5:30 PM and take the church van to the different locations for the evening. We will return to Zion for pickup by midnight. Supper, dessert, and snacks will be served, and the night will include activities, service projects, games, and much more to do! Open to youth in grades 6-9; bring a friend! If you plan to attend, please let Sandra know by Wednesday, March 1.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
6 PM-MIDNIGHT

- Open to youth currently in grades 6-9
- Theme: A Night of Parables
- Cost: FREE
- Food, games, activities and more!

Joint event between Zion, Good Shepherd, and St. John's Lutheran churches

January 15th Festivities

Pastor Jim's Ordination Anniversary Celebration

“THANKS FOR THE PARTY!”

I want to thank all of you for the wonderful celebration of my 40 years of ordained ministry that was held January 15 after worship.

I was ordained January 16, 1983 at St. John Lutheran in Charles City, Iowa. I retired January 1, 2015 and began serving part-time interims in the Omaha, NE area.

I began my latest part-time interim with Zion Lutheran on September 1 of 2022 and enjoying the people, the worship, and the commitment I've seen to the ministry here.



New Member Sunday

On Sunday, January 15th, we also welcomed two families into our Zion faith family. Pictured below are Allen, Kirsten, and Kenny Nash and Jason Barke (pictured with his wife, Zion member Amanda) who affirmed their baptism during worship. Welcome to Zion!



Happenings at Zion

Rolls for Sale

Caramel Rolls
\$3 each

All proceeds benefit Noah's Park Preschool

Caramel Roll Sales

Pre-orders are being taken for caramel rolls that will be made for the February 4th Vendor and Craft Fair. Rolls are \$3.00 each. Please see the sheet in the Narthex to order your rolls. All pre-orders can be picked up Saturday, February 4th at the church. All proceeds benefit Noah's Park Preschool. Get your orders in today!

Summer Camp Registration

If you have a 3rd grade student or older, it's time to start thinking about summer options for camp! Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota offers three different locations with options to suit whatever interests you have!

If you are interested in applying for camp, please speak with Sandra as soon as possible so we can get you registered and discuss fundraising options. There are some scholarship funds available, as well!

If we have enough kids interested, we will attend the Explorers Camp at NeSoDak August 9-11 as a Zion group. If your 3rd-6th grade child (as of Fall 2023) is interested in going together, please reach out to Pastoral Assistant Sandra.

Prices will go up on April 15th.

SUMMER 2023
WONDER
LUTHERANS OUTDOORS IN
SOUTH DAKOTA



'AND AMAZEMENT SEIZED THEM ALL, AND THEY GLORIFIED GOD AND WERE FILLED WITH AWE, SAYING, 'WE HAVE SEEN EXTRAORDINARY THINGS TODAY.'" LUKE 5:26

Creative Stewardship Ideas to Help Zion

Have you heard of the new ideas we are asking everyone to try in order to do our part to improve Zion's financial balance sheet?

We have four ideas that we're pretty sure have never been tried here, and we're asking each member or family to experiment and commit to trying one of these ideas for ONE MONTH to see if it is something workable for you.

If it is, we encourage you to keep on doing it for the 2023 year. You can even pick a new idea to try for next month!

stewardship ideas

IDEA #1

One Sunday a month, double your usual offering as additional offering.

IDEA #2

Pick one or two of your extras per week (fun events or treats) that cost money and add that amount to your regular church offering that week.

IDEA #3

Change for Change! Have a habit you need to break? Maybe you bite your nails, spend too much time on social media/video games/TV, or swear? Pick your habit and set your penalty. Put a quarter in your "change" jar each time you don't comply and see if you can "change" your habit! Use the money as additional offering at the end of the week.

IDEA #4

If you have no habits you're trying to change, consider collecting and donating your spare change every week.