

Announcements for February 26, 2023

Leading Worship Today (9:00 AM):

Presiding: Pastor Jim Holthus

Worship Assistant: Mike Bretsch

Lector: Mike Bretsch

Sound: Kathy Heffernan

PowerPoint: Shelley Fischbach

Communion Server: Kathy Johnson

Ushers: Doug & Sharlene Wanttie; Norma Miller

Praise Band: Stephanie Hawkinson, Stacy Geffre, Garry Johnson, Phyllis Gab, Vicki Carlson, Mike German, Cadynce German, Kara Pies

Zion Worship Opportunities

Winter Worship: There will be one worship service available on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. This worship service will include Holy Communion each week, will be livestreamed, and will include a live radio broadcast on KSDN radio: 930 AM and 102.1 FM. As a general rule, traditional music will be featured on the first and third Sundays of the month; contemporary music will be on the second and fourth Sundays.

Livestreaming of all worship services can be found on our Facebook page, website, and YouTube channel.

Kids' Time will be available during the Sunday morning worship service.

ZION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ed Suchomel – 380-6375

Chastity Madsen – 252-0523

Brent Stanek – 712-302-5252

Joel Albrecht – 226-2853

Ways to Give

Zion radio broadcast - Generous sponsors provide for each Sunday's radio broadcast. Would you consider donating either the whole cost or half the cost of a Sunday broadcast? A whole Sunday service is \$110.00 and one half is

Zion's Radio Broadcast is heard each week at 9:30 am on **KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM)**. Today's broadcast is sponsored by Elsie Geffre in memory of her husband, Leo, and to the glory of God.

\$55.00. You are welcome to donate in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion to support this ministry. To sign up as a sponsor, contact the church office at 225-6755.

Electronic Giving - If you have a smart phone, you can simply scan the code you see here and it will take you directly to our "Giving" page on the Zion website. This allows you to easily give online while sitting in the pew or later at home or when travelling. You can also take advantage of the GivePlus mobile app for your smart phone to make giving even more convenient. Just download the GivePlus app, find Zion Lutheran Church, and give!



Do you need an easy, convenient way to contribute to the church? Text giving is a powerful way to give in a matter of seconds. Send a text with your offering amount to **(844-771-9058)**. It's simple and secure.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERING is Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. Thanks for supporting their work!

NOISY OFFERING will be collected during each service on the second Sunday of the month. Don't forget your coins! A bucket will remain on the offering table at the back of the sanctuary for you to use to donate noisy (or quiet) offering on the other Sundays of the month.

FREEZER MEALS are available in the Zion freezer if you know of anyone in need of a meal. Come to the church office to pick one up.

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, or are willing to drive, please call the church office @225-6755.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE – The Zion cookbooks are almost gone! Cost is \$20 and the proceeds support our youth programming. Pick yours up anytime throughout the week in the church office or from the table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.

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 Pastoral Assistant Sandra Anderson or Norma Nielsen, Welcome & Outreach chair 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 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!

WITH TWO HOSPITALS – PLEASE CONTACT US: Sanford and Avera St. Luke's– our area health care facilities - do not contact the church about admissions. It is vital that patients and families contact the church to notify us of pastoral care needs. If you or a loved one is hospitalized, or in need of a pastor, call the church office at 225-6755.

MEAL KITS - Do you shop at Ken's and often find yourself turning down the 'Deal of the Week' that is offered to you? If so, please consider

accepting these usually free items and donating them to the Mission and Outreach committee. In addition to our freezer meal ministry, we are also putting together meal kits that include all of the ingredients to quick, easy meals for families in need.

ZION ADVOCACY FUND – This fund is available for people who come into the church office needing assistance with rent, food cards and any other form of approved assistance. This fund is fully funded from donations and it is almost empty. If you would like to donate to the Advocacy Fund, please mark that on your offering envelope or see Donna in the office. Thanks for helping.

THRIVENT CHOICE - Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars - A heartfelt thanks to all of you who have used Thrivent's generosity programs to support Zion. The outreach funding we receive from both you and Thrivent helps us to continue our important mission. Thank you for your support. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership: Please consider directing Choice Dollars to us. You can make a profound impact!

* For more information about the Thrivent Choice program and Choice Dollars:

- Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.
- Contact your Thrivent financial advisor

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!

LENTEN TUESDAY - 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!

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, March 1 and will include the imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

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.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION is open for the 2023-2024 school year! There are three classes available: MWF morning for ages 4-5, MWF afternoon for ages 4-5, and TTH morning for ages 3-4. Registration forms are available in the office during the week and can be turned in at any time with a \$75 deposit to hold your child's spot.

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 stay here for a night in with Mrs. Ringgenberg, Nicole Schutter, and Nicole Kempf! Kids 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 welcome to host at the church.

BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT—Pastor Jim will be offering a Bible study on Thursdays over the lunch hour during Lent; the first one will start March 2. 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 variety of options.

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.

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.

BETHESDA ANNUAL MEETING – The Bethesda Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18th at 6:00 PM via Zoom. As a partner church, we are able to attend and have input at this meeting. Bethesda is offering Visa gift cards to purchase supper and snacks for the congregation members who participate in the meeting. If you are interested in being a delegate for this meeting, please let Sandra know by March 15.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND—Zion has a scholarship fund that is used to provide one current high school senior and one college student a scholarship for the upcoming school year. This account is in need of funds to meet these scholarship needs. If you would like to make a donation, please indicate on your offering envelope or see Donna in the office during the week.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet Wednesday, March 1st at 8:00 PM at the One Legged Pheasant. They will also meet on Wednesday, March 29th. Join us for a time of fun & fellowship.

Praying for One Another

***As a community of faith in Christ, we are connected through joy, sorrow, worship and prayer. Please pray for the people listed below:**
Julie Beusch, Jo Tolvstad, Norman Denning

*** For those diagnosed with cancer or other long-term illness:** Jerry Gab, Connie Sorensen, Ruth Bosmoe, Michael Chapin, Duane Wagemann, Barb Gardner, Ken Cordingly, Esther Ottenbacher, and Duane Kolb

Zion Calendar

SUNDAY – February 26

9:00 AM Worship with H\C
10:10 AM Fellowship Time
10:10 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Youth Progressive Supper

MONDAY – February 27

1:00 PM Quilters
7:00 PM GA Meeting

TUESDAY – February 28

5-7 PM Shrove Tuesday Family night
6:30 PM Church Council

WEDNESDAY – March 1

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

11:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Ash Wednesday Meals
12:15 & 6:05 PM Worship with Imposition of Ashes & H\C
8:30 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY – March 2

12 noon Bible Study
1:00 PM Quilters

SUNDAY – March 5

9:00 AM Worship with H\C
10:10 AM Fellowship Time
10:10 AM Sunday School