

## Announcements for March 19, 2023

### **Leading Worship Today (9:00 AM):**

**Presiding:** Pastor Jim Holthus

**Worship Assistant:** Phyllis Gab

**Organist:** Sonya Kempf

**Pianist:** Sue Gates

**Lector:** Kathy Brumbaugh

**Sound:** Zach Anderson

**PowerPoint:** Wanda Wagemann

**Communion Server:** Steve Ottenbacher

**Ushers:** Lyle & Lois Chapin; Lester Hardy

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### **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

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### **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 Terri Holmes in celebration of this Lenten season.

\$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.

**MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING is SDSU Campus Ministry.** Through worship, study, fellowship, and service, members of the academic community taste the fullness of God's grace. As expansive as Christ's love, Campus Ministry reaches out to all who teach and learn, inviting them to experience the challenge of following Jesus on the Way. for supporting their work!

**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.

**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.

**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.

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**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](mailto: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.

**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](http://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!

**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.

**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.

**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. This upcoming week's Bible study is on angels.

**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION**—If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade child (as of Fall 2023) is interested in going together, please reach out to Pastoral Assistant Sandra.

**Prices will go up on April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**BETHESDA ANNUAL MEETING** – The Bethesda Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 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 today.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** will meet Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at the One Legged Pheasant. Join us for a time of fun & fellowship.

**ADOPT-A-GRAD PROGRAM** - We need your help! The Mission & Outreach and Welcome & Caring Committees are looking for individuals and families who are interested in supporting our current high school seniors as they head out into the next phase of their lives. We will be participating in the Adopt-a-Grad program and will need individuals/families to help reach out to these students throughout next school year. If interested, please talk to Norma Nielson or Nicole Schutter, email them at [nnielsen53@gmail.com](mailto:nnielsen53@gmail.com) or [nicoleschutter@yahoo.com](mailto:nicoleschutter@yahoo.com), or call the church office by Sunday, April 30 to be added to our list! Thank you in advance.

**TABLE OF PLENTY IS BACK** – The first TOP Meal will be held on **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 PM.** If you are interested in supporting this ministry by volunteering at the meal, please contact Nicole Schutter at 670-6216 or Marissa Jondahl at 228-3524.

**PRAYER PILLOW MILESTONE** - All children born in 2019 and their parents are invited to join Pastoral Assistant Sandra for a Prayer Pillow Faith Milestone event today! We will present Prayer Pillows to our 3- and 4-year-olds at the 9:00 service; then, these children and their parents are invited to a special event at 10:15 AM that day in the Playground area at the back of the sanctuary.

**FIRST COMMUNION** - We are making some changes to our faith milestones for grades 3, 4, 5 to better align with the faith goals for our youth at Zion. Going forward, First Communion will be offered starting in 3rd grade with Bible milestones and faith practices being moved to the 4th and 5th grade years. First Communion class will be held on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM, and First Communion will be taken during worship on Maundy Thursday (April 6). For all the details, be sure to look for the letter coming soon to your mailbox!

**PROGRESSIVE SUPPER** - Our next progressive supper will be on **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**SNOW PILE MELTDOWN GUESSES** – Head to the table in the Narthex and try and guess when our snow piles will melt. \$2.00 per guess or three guesses for \$5.00. A winner will be chosen for both the North and South parking lots and will win \$20.00. All proceeds from this will go towards the general fund to help pay for the snow removal bill. Let the guessing begin – thanks for your participation.

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## 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:**  
Gladys Melcher, Jo Tolvstad, Norman Denning, Kathy Johnson, Karl Kempf, Marvin Entzel, Jacky Ross

**\* 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

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## Zion Calendar

### **SUNDAY – March 19**

9:00 AM Worship with H\C  
10:10 AM Fellowship Time  
10:15 AM Prayer Pillow Milestone in Playground  
10:15 AM Altar Guild meeting in Classroom A

### **MONDAY – March 20**

1:00 PM Quilters  
7:00 PM GA Meeting

### **TUESDAY – March 21**

6:30 PM Church Council

### **WEDNESDAY – March 22**

#### **LENTEN WORSHIP**

11:30 AM & 5:30 PM Meals  
12:15 & 6:05 PM Worship with  
8:30 PM AA Meeting

### **THURSDAY – March 23**

12:00 PM Bible Study  
1:00 PM Quilters

### **SUNDAY – March 26**

9:00 AM Worship with H/C  
10:10 AM Fellowship time  
10:10 AM Sunday School  
10:15 AM First Communion Class in A&B  
4:30 PM Youth Progressive Supper