

Announcements for March 26, 2023

Leading Worship Today (9:00 AM):

Presiding: Pastor Jim Holthus

Worship Assistant: Mike Bretsch

Lector: Sharon Paranto

Sound: Kathy Heffernan

PowerPoint: Shelley Fischbach

Communion Server: Sandra Anderson

Ushers: Doug & Sharlene Wanttie; Norma Miller

Praise Band: Stephanie Hawkinson, 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 Carmel Heyd in honor of anyone celebrating a March birthday.

\$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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet Wednesday, March 29th 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 or 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 27th 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.

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 26th 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 26th.** 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.

YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE - As you begin your spring cleaning keep us in mind 6th to bring your items as the youth will be having a rummage sale on Saturday, May 6th. Donations can be dropped off beginning the week of April 23rd. Please no large electronics or clothing. More details will follow.

WORSHIP - As we look ahead to the end of the Lenten season, here are some important dates to put on your calendar:

- * Palm Sunday: April 2 ~ worship at 9:00 AM
- * Maundy Thursday: April 6 ~ 6:05 PM Worship with 1st communion
- * Good Friday: April 7 ~ 12 Noon ~ Community Good Friday Worship at Good Shepherd ~ 6:05 PM Worship
- * Easter Sunday: April 9 ~ 9:00 AM Worship

SECOND ANNUAL THRIVENT COLORING COMPETITION – You're invited to join us for the second annual Thrivent coloring contest. Participants will be divided into two age categories: age 3-7 and age 8 and older. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 in each category. Color sheets may be picked up on the table in the Narthex and need to be returned by Tuesday, April 4th. We will deliver all returned coloring pages to the Thrivent office on Wednesday, April 5th. The winners will be announced on Good Friday on Matt Scott's Thrivent Facebook Page: <https://facebook.com/Matt.Scott.Thrivent>. Good Luck!

PALM SUNDAY – Come be a part of our Palm Sunday Celebration. We will begin our celebration with a Palm Processional by our Sunday School Children. Everyone will receive a palm and will be welcome to join the processional. Following worship the men will be making breakfast. Grab your breakfast and then join us for Intergenerational Sunday School. Then at 3:00 PM Middle School & High School can come to the church for First Sundays with Sandra. We meet in the youth room upstairs; each time will have a different theme/topic, and activities will vary from time to time.

NORTHERN PLAINS CONFERENCE WOMENS SPRING GATHERING hosted by Zion Lutheran, Aberdeen will be Saturday April 15, 2023. All women are invited to enjoy the day beginning with registration from 8:30-9:00 AM. Complete information can be found on the kiosk in the narthex and also in your April newsletter. If you have any questions you may talk to Kathy Heffernan after church or at 605-324-3638.

EASTER FLOWERS - Easter is Sunday, April 9th and our sanctuary always looks so beautiful filled with spring flowers! Please consider purchasing a spring flower during the week of April 3-7, and bring it to the church anytime that week for display on Easter Sunday. You can take it home with you after Easter worship if you wish. (Please no lilies due to severe allergies in our congregation.) If you wish your plant to be in memory or in honor of someone please attach a note to your plant. Let's celebrate Christ's resurrection by beautifying our sanctuary!

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, Joey Kusler, Viola Tetherow, 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

***We ask for God's loving embrace to hold all who mourn,** especially the family of Joe Bosmoe at his death this past week.

Zion Calendar

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 Classrooms in A&B
4:30 PM Youth Progressive Supper

MONDAY – March 27

1:00 PM Quilters
5:30 PM Table of Plenty Meal
7:00 PM GA Meeting

WEDNESDAY – March 29

LENTEN WORSHIP

11:30 AM & 5:30 PM Meals
12:15 & 6:05 PM Worship with
6:45 PM Denver Service Trip mtg.
8:00 PM Men's Fellowship
8:30 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY – March 30

12 noon Bible Study
1:00 PM Quilters

SUNDAY – April 2 – Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Worship with H/C
10:10 AM Men's Breakfast & Intergenerational
Sunday School
3:00 PM MS & HS First Sundays