

MAY 2023

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Desk of Pastor Jim

May Bible Study

Join us in Classrooms A & B from 12:00 – 1:00 on Thursdays in May (May 4, 11, 18, 25) for a Bible study led by me. We will use handouts that you can take home to review. Bring your lunch, your questions, your friends, your spouse, your Bible and just listen if you want. All are welcome!

Visitors Group and Outreach to Shut-Ins

I am very grateful for the crew of men and women who continue to visit shut-ins and bring Holy Communion with them. Often, I am called to focus on people going into the hospital for surgery or having a special request to go and see people in their homes, so as much as I would like to be more regular in visiting our seniors, my time gets filled with these special request visits. So, it's really important to have a crew of people regularly doing the primary visiting. **If you are interested in trying this and seeing if you like visiting others, please contact me.**

Transitions

This last month saw Zion host the funerals for both Joe and Ruth Bosmoe; we also we said goodbye to Bob Friske, Sr. Leon Tobin's funeral will be held on Friday, May 26 at Zion at 11:00 a.m. Please keep the family members of these people in your prayers as they work through their grief at their losses.

Opportunities

We are exploring the possibility of being part of the **co-ed church softball league** for this summer and are looking for people interested in being part of this. We are also hoping to organize a **summer bike ride to Wylie Park** for a picnic and games on a Sunday afternoon. This could be done with the folks at Good Shepherd Lutheran and Bethlehem, as well, and just be a Sunday afternoon informal time to enjoy the weather and one another's company. If you're interested, talk to PJ.



April Council Highlights

- The rental agreement between NSU Lumin and Zion Lutheran Church came up for review after a six month period, as written in the contract. Both parties are currently satisfied with the terms and are happy with how things are going, so the agreement will continue as written.
- Waxing upstairs in the education wing will begin on Monday, May 8th.
- Council continues to look for those who would be willing to share their stewardship journey with the congregation as to how you are sharing your financial donations, times, or talents with Zion.
- The council will be holding their annual retreat on April 29th, with their focus on a strategic plan for Zion.

Special Offering for May is the Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an **evangelical part of the universal Christian Church**. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God.

Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Thanks for helping us help them!



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Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park! It seems as though spring has finally arrived, just in time for our Spring Showcase Fundraiser on Sunday! We have been busy making some springy art and creating baskets for the silent auction.

The children have had spring fever, and we've been able to get outside to do sidewalk chalk and get some fresh air. We made "dirt" for cooking day last week with pudding, Oreos and, of course, gummy worms. It's such a classic snack and always so yummy!

We are winding down the year and will start our bugs and flowers themes soon! The children will enjoy our flower shop and lemonade stand dramatic play areas as we count down the last days of school!

~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
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Esther Ottenbacher

Primrose Cottages

Frances Wolff

Mother Joseph

Lois Sollie

Derian Lodge

LaVon Elsen

Milbank-Avantara

Marge Rhodes

Bethesda Town Sq.

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Gladys Voegelé
Lorraine Kusler

Nano Nagle

Jo Tolvstad

Minnesota

LeRoy Buechler

California

Erna Schmierer

Colorado

Ella Aipperspach

Aberdeen Health & Rehab

Milbert Dais



Grateful for You

- ☺ Thanks to Donna & Sandra from the Organ Rejuvenation Committee for everything they so happily help with when preparing things for the organ committee or anything musical.
- ☺ Thanks to the Men's group for all the great Sunday breakfasts they hosted this year.
- ☺ Thanks to all who have so graciously volunteered at our Table of Plenty meals.
- ☺ Thanks to all who helped with Sunday School this year. Your help was greatly appreciated.
- ☺ Thanks to Mike Bretsch for putting up the Easter Cross.
- ☺ Thanks to the Altar Guild members for all their help with the Easter season services.
- ☺ Thanks to all the ladies who so willingly work for funerals and to all who bring bars and cake when needed.
- ☺ Thanks to Ann Fortin for doing pulpit supply while Pastor Jim was on vacation.

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.



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.

Northern Plains Spring Conference Thank You

The ZLC Women would like to thank the following people who helped make the Spring Conference meeting a success:

- Music: Stacy Geffre, Stephanie Hawkinson, Phyllis Gab & Gwen Heyd
- Soundperson & Communion server: Steve Ottenbacher
- Devotions: Judy Albl
- Keynote Speaker: Sharon Stroschein
- Communion set-up and tear-down: Trudy Anderson
- Registration: Deb Hardy
- Special Offering organizers: April Nehlich & Kathy Job
- Food servers: Millie Suchomel, Joy Schmitt, Elaine Schumacher, Marilyn Bender, and Trudy Anderson
- Church prep: Art Ketterling, Sandra Anderson, Donna Steckler & JoAnn Heiser
- Food prep: Deb Hardy, April Nehlich, Millie Suchomel, Marie Bretsch, Norma Miller & Carmel Heyd
- Special thanks to Kathy Heffernan for all of her assistance as the Northern Plains conference officer.

We could not have done this without everyone's help!

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!



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

CONGRATULATIONS!

CLASS OF 2023

Seniors will be recognized
during 9:00 AM worship on:
Sunday, May 14th

Senior Recognition

We will be celebrating with our Zion seniors as they prepare for graduation! Join us on Sunday, May 14th as we share a congregational blessing with these teens and their families.

Starting the week of April 30th, there will be copies of the book, "Oh The Places You'll Go" that you can sign and leave bible verses, memories, or words of advice in for these youth. Books can be found on a table in the narthex.

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. This month's topic will be summer-related!

Vacation Bible School

You are invited!! Join us for three sessions of VBS this summer as we explore who Jesus is. **These sessions will be held on Wednesdays June 14, July 12, and August 9.** Each session features a new theme on a character trait of Jesus with a corresponding Bible story, along with a meal, music, and much more! For more information, or to pick up a registration form, please see the Sunday School bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School for the preK—5th grade students will be on Sunday, May 7. Children will sing during the kids' time of worship. There will also be a time of fellowship and a time to make Flat Jesus to take home and share what he is doing with your family throughout the summer. Be sure to join us!

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

Church Council

Officers / Executive Committee:

Ed Suchomel.....President
Chastity Madsen.....Vice-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

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Instagram: [@zlcaberdeensd](https://www.instagram.com/zlcaberdeensd)

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS NEEDED

Call the office at
225-6755 to sign up

\$110 for whole broadcast
\$55 for half



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

April 2023

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$30,000.00

Actual April Income: \$26,724.68

(as of April 28th)

Actual April Expenses: \$28,483.28

(as of April 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.

Easter Flowers

Thank you to all who provided Easter flowers/plants to add beauty to our church services.

Given By:

His Family
His Family
Wanttie Family

Delila Norton

In Loving Memory of:

Milbert Zelmer
Jordan Heyd
Pete\Denice Hook &
Leon Lassanske
Alma Wagenmann &
Leland Norton

Given By:

Anonymous

The Nash Family

In Honor and to the Glory
of our Risen Lord & Savior!

To the Glory of God

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 upcoming Sundays are available to be sponsored:

June 25, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6

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

Rummage sale season is coming soon. If you are out and about and see any sheets, keep the Zion quilters group in mind. We can use any gently used sheets or and children's themed material.

Please bring to the church if you have any or find any at the store. Thanks so much!



Geraniums for Pentecost

Altar Guild invites you to bring red geraniums to beautify the sanctuary for Pentecost on Sunday, May 28th. If you prefer, you may give money to the church office, and it will be used to purchase geraniums. Please have your plants or money to the church by Friday, May 26th.

After Pentecost, the geraniums will be planted outdoors in front of the church. We need several plants to make this possible.

Please attach a note if you want your plant to memorialize or honor someone. Thank you for your help in beautifying our church grounds!



Organ Committee

Zach Anderson: 252-1229; Sue Gates: 290-1684;
Nicole Kempf: 228-5218; Sonya Kempf: 228-2490;
Sharon Stroschein: 228-1299;

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 Tea Fundraiser

The Organ Restoration Committee will be hosting a tea on **Saturday, September 30th at 2:00 PM.**

The committee is planning to have lots of fabulous goodies followed by musical entertainment. If you have any questions or are able to assist with this event by bringing sandwiches, goodies, lending teapots, fancy plates or working in the kitchen, please contact April Nehlich at 605-226-0954 or Sonya Kempf at 605-228-2490.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this a fun and successful event!

ZION MEMORIALS

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Joe Bosmoe	Snow Removal	Carmel Heyd
Ruth Bosmoe	Snow Removal	Carmel Heyd
Verna Schock	Snow Removal	Carmel Heyd
Joe\Ruth Bosmoe	Organ	Gwen Carson
Joe\Ruth Bosmoe	Organ	Dean\Mae Click
Joe Bosmoe	Sunday School	Loren\April Nehlich
Verna Schock	Sunday School	Loren\April Nehlich
Joe Bosmoe	Altar Guild	Wilma Zimmerman
Ruth Bosmoe	Altar Guild	Wilma Zimmerman
Leon Tobin	General	Janet Reich
Leon Tobin	General	Gladys Melcher
Joe\Ruth Bosmoe	General	Gladys Melcher
Bob Friske	Sunday School	Loren\April Nehlich
Ruth Bosmoe	Sunday School	Loren\April Nehlich
Leon Tobin	Sunday School	Loren\April Nehlich
Ruth Bosmoe	Youth Gathering	Ray\Marcie Andersh
Leon Tobin	Youth Gathering	Ray\Marcie Andersh
Bob Friske	Organ	Ray\Marcie Andersh
Bob Friske	Organ	Dean\Mae Click
Bob Friske	Organ	Michelle Heyd
Duane Kolb	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Ruth Bosmoe	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Bob Friske	Altar Guild	Kathy Franz
Ruth Bosmoe	Organ	Gene\Marilyn Bender
Leon Tobin	Organ	Gene\Marilyn Bender
Joe\Ruth Bosmoe	Altar Guild	Trudy Anderson
Joe Bosmoe	Organ	Jim\Sue Eisenbeisz
Joe\Ruth Bosmoe	Organ	Jeff\Kathy Eisenbeisz
Ruth Bosmoe	Organ	Arnold\Joanne Mehlhoff
Joe\Ruth Bosmoe	Organ	Mike\Kathy Brumbaugh
Ruth Bosmoe	Organ	Rodney\Jill Schoen
Ruth Bosmoe	Organ	John\Susan Swennes
Ruth Bosmoe	Organ	Rev. George\Mavis Gehant

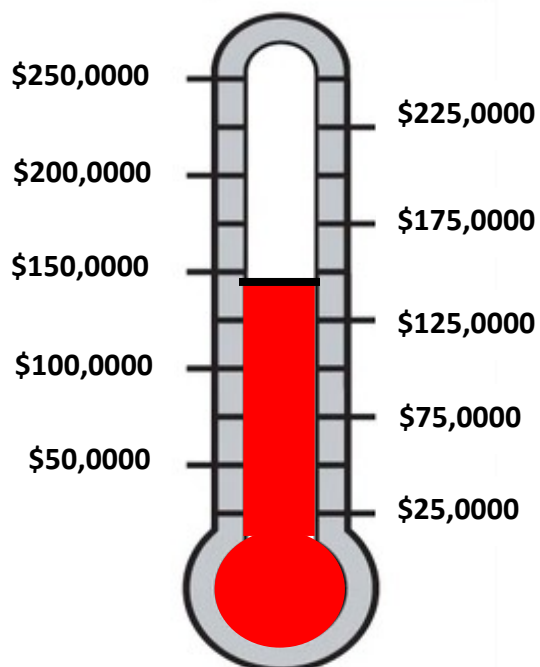
Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$110,305.04

Unpaid pledges - \$33,886.91

Total project funds - \$144,191.95

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



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$105,808.05

Adopt-a-Grad

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 or email them at nnielsen53@gmail.com or nicoleschutter@yahoo.com, or call the church office as soon as possible to be added to our list!

 **Adopt-a-Grad**

CHURCH PHONE
(605) 225-6755

PASTOR JIM'S #
(218) 760-2028

Happenings at Zion

First Communion

The celebration of First Communion for our students was held during the Maundy Thursday service on April 6th. Six students received Holy Communion for the first time, surrounded by family and their baptismal sponsors. Congratulations on this faith milestone!



(Back row l to r): Carter Moser, Braden Refsland, Chase Hawkinson
(Front row l to r): Pippa Sahli, Cadence Refsland, Emersyn Jondahl

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.



Youth Kickoff to Summer

A Kickoff to Summer event will be held for middle and high school youth on Thursday, June 1 from 2-5 PM at Thunder Road. More details will be shared in the coming weeks, but mark the date on your calendar to join us as we celebrate the beginning of summer!

Youth Rummage Sale

There will be a free will rummage sale held at Zion on Saturday, May 6th from 8 AM—12 PM. All proceeds benefit the Zion youth. There will also be caramel rolls for purchase at the event sold by the Zion Women. Any donations for the event can be left on a table in the fellowship hall until Friday, May 5. Please no clothes or electronics. Be sure to stop by and find some treasures to take home while supporting our youth attending the Denver service trip and our other youth programming!



Happenings at Zion

New Member and Baptism Sunday

On Sunday, April 23rd, we welcomed three new members into our Zion faith family. Pictured below are Jordan & Madison Shangreaux and Kent Johnsen, who affirmed their baptism during worship. Later in the service, we also welcomed Hudson James into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. Welcome to Zion!



Kent Johnsen



Jordan, Madison, and Hudson Shangreaux with Pastor Jim and Hudson's baptismal sponsors, Kara Alm & Sheldon Bauer



Men's Fellowship Opportunity—Change in date and location

There will be a men's fellowship opportunity on **Tuesday, May 30TH** at Scott Geffre's house: **1231 Casper Ave**, Aberdeen SD at **8:00 pm**. This is intended to be an extremely informal opportunity to get to know other men in the congregation. Some drinks will be available, but you are requested to bring your own. Please feel free to invite a friend, and we hope to see you there!

Organ Key Sales

The Organ Committee is proud to display our recently received "The Key to our Restoration" display. Each key can be purchased for \$50 or a pedal for \$250. This display will eventually hang at the bottom of the stairs leading to the choir loft, but for the time being will be on display for people to see and purchase keys. These keys can be in memory of, in honor of, or even with a recent graduate's name. Please consider purchasing a key to help us get to our goal. Thank you to all who have helped with their time and donations so far for our organ restoration!



Zion Happenings



Taco John's Fundraiser

Mark your calendar to support the Zion Youth at Taco John's on **Wednesday, May 10 from 4-PM** for a service trip fundraiser.

The youth heading to Denver in June will receive 25% of all sales during this time, so let Taco John's take care of cooking for you that evening! Thanks for your support!

Stewardship Update

Kirsten is a Pharmacist at Sanford who enjoys reading, crocheting, and horses. Allen is a Computer Manager at Aspire and enjoys reading, playing guitar, and art. Kenny is a full-time soon to be 5-year-old who enjoys puzzles, Legos, funny cat videos, and testing his mom and dad's patience.

What stewardship means for us is using our time to not only help in our church directly, but also in our community. Helping out with altar guild in our church helps the church services directly and helping out with freezer meals helps families out in the community that could really use a good, hot meal. We've always believed that being good Christians is not just in church, but always extends to the world around us. And of course, being new members, we are happy to devote as much time as we can to not only help out, but get to know the wonderful people at Zion Lutheran Church.



Allen, Kirsten & Kenny Nash

Table of Plenty

We hosted our second Table of Plenty meal on Monday, April 24th and handed out 205 servings. We had a great turnout with lots of fellowship and delicious food! THANK YOU to the sponsors and volunteers for helping us at this monthly meal and to the committee for all of their hard work!

The next Table of Plenty meal will be held on **Monday, May 22nd from 5:30-7 PM**. Be sure to invite your friends and family, and join us for another great evening of food and conversation!

