

JUNE & JULY 2023

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Family Fun Day at Wylie Park

Zion is organizing and hosting a Family Fun Day at Wylie Park **on Sunday afternoon, July 30**. Final plans are currently in the works, but we are looking to have people bike or drive to Wylie, meet up at a picnic shelter for some games and to enjoy some fellowship time together.

Here are the current details:

- **Date: Sunday, July 30th from 2:00-4:00 PM.** We have extended an invitation to the area ELCA congregations to join us, as well!
- **If you're planning to bike to Wylie**, please be at the Good Shepherd parking lot by 1:30 PM, as that's when we will leave and bike the last 3 miles to Wylie. We plan to have those who are biking meet at the west side of the lake by 2:00 PM. From there, we will go to the shelter we have picked out and set up.
- **If you're not a biker**, there will be a reserved shelter where we will all meet—you can plan to meet everyone there at 2:00 PM.
- We encourage you to bring a comfy lawn chair to sit in and bottles of water. There will be picnic tables available, as well.
- We have some family-friendly games people are bringing, and there will be some planned activities, as well! As of now, we are not planning to include Storybook Land or Thunder Road as part of the afternoon.
- If the weather doesn't cooperate with us, we'll search for an alternative date.

Full details will be available in July as plans are finalized and will be shared through our website, Mailchimp, and announcements.

If you have any ideas for how to make this event even better, please contact members of the planning committee: Alan & Kristen Nash, Dennis & Julie Beusch, Brent & Becky Stanek, or Pastor Jim.



May 2023 Council Highlights

- There will be a send-off for those attending the Denver service trip on Sunday, June 4 at the beginning of worship.
- The first night of VBS will be on Wednesday, June 14 starting with a meal at 5:30 PM. VBS is open to all kids in grades preK-5th grade (do not have to be a member to attend).
- The Mission and Outreach Committee is looking at opportunities to take part in the Feeding the Kids summer lunch program.
- A motion was made and approved to host Lifeline Screening again in October.

Special Offerings

June is SD Companion Synods

Our mission is to develop strong relationships between the SD Synod and the church body in Cameroon and in Nicaragua.

For more information on our companion synod relationships, please contact the Companion Synod Coordinator at:
companion-synod@sdsynod.org.

July is Lutheran World Relief

At Lutheran World Relief, we envision a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives. Affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Noah's Park Preschool

Hello...and Goodbye from Noah's Park Preschool.

I've officially graduated from preschool... after 13 years!! I've decided to embark on a new adventure, and as hard as it has been to leave Noah's Park and Zion, I'm ready for this next stage in my life. My daughter, Emily, graduated this past weekend and is heading to SDSU in the fall. It seemed like a good transition time for me, as well. It's been a joy to come to school here for the last 13 years, but I'm confident I will love this next adventure as well!!



Thank you for all you have done to support Noah's Park Preschool, the children and myself!!! I truly appreciate it!!

~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.

Or give online today (multiple ways) by going to zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving

Or just 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
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Primrose Cottages

Frances Wolff

Mother Joseph

Lois Sollie

Derian Lodge

LaVon Elsen

Milbank-Avantara

Marge Rhodes

Bethesda Town Sq.

Meta Vetter
Shirley Wagemann
Viola Tetherow
Gladys Voegelé
Lorraine Kusler

Nano Nagle

Jo Tolvstad

Minnesota

LeRoy Buechler

California

Erna Schmierer

Aberdeen Health & Rehab

Milbert Dais



Grateful for You

- ☺ A very special thanks to Ryan Bretsch, Shane Shauer, & Mike Bretsch for always being available when we call for maintenance issues.
- ☺ Thank you to Karl Kempf for fixing the big van's door handle.
- ☺ Thanks to Lavone Merkel for answering the phone in the office.
- ☺ Thanks to all who have supported our youth fundraisers. We wouldn't be able to do all that we do without your help!
- ☺ Thank you to all who are planning our Wylie Park fun day in July. We hope you can all join us.
- ☺ Thank you to those who are visiting our shut-ins.



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 on the other Sundays of the month.

Meet the New Members

We are so excited to join Zion Lutheran Church! We instantly felt welcome when we first attended a service.

A little bit about ourselves: we met here in Aberdeen in 2018, got engaged in February of 2021 on vacation in Mexico, and married August of 2021 in Sante Fe, Mexico. We then welcomed our sweet boy, Hudson, September 9th of 2022. He was just baptized April 23rd, 2023 here at Zion Lutheran.



We feel so blessed to be welcomed into Zion and can't wait for relationships to grow in the Church and with God.

—Madison, Jordan, & Hudson Shangreaux



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](https://www.thrivent.com) or contact Pastoral Assistant Sandra for ideas on how your Action Team can help support our ministries here at Zion and beyond.

Thank you

A very special thank you to our Noah's Park Preschool Teacher and Director, Jami Ringgenberg.

Jami taught here at Noah's Park for 13 years and has decided to take a break from teaching.

We thank her for her wisdom and guidance for all the kiddos she taught.

Jami is now employed at Ophthalmology Associates.



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

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 from 5:30-7:00 PM; sessions are open to all children in grades preK—5.**

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.



Zion Youth Kickoff to Summer

A Kickoff to Summer event will be held for middle and high school youth on Thursday, June 1 from 2-4 PM at Thunder Road. Meet at 1:45 PM at the church if you would like a ride. Bring \$10 towards your unlimited ride wristband; the youth committee will pay the rest. Snacks and drinks provided. Let Sandra know ASAP if you plan to attend!



Last Day of Sunday School & Teacher Recognition

On May 7, the Sunday School kids sang “Awesome God” and “This Little Light of Mine” during worship. Following their singing, the teachers were recognized. We surprised Sunday School music director, Stacy Geffre, with a special recognition for her forty years of music leadership, which included cake during the fellowship time. Thank you to everyone for a great year!



Faith and Family

Sweets with Sandra

Meet at Twist Cone on the second and fourth Tuesdays all summer long at 3:00 PM for a time of fellowship, faith, and fun! The Youth Committee will pay for your sweet treat (up to \$5). Rides will leave Zion at 2:45 PM on each date.

June dates: June 13, 27

July dates: July 11, 25



Lutherans at the Pool

On Thursday, July 6th, we will be joining with our area ELCA congregations for an afternoon at the pool. Come anytime between 1:30-4:30 PM for the event; you can let them know at the door which church you are with. Cost is \$5 or free if you bring your family pass. Check in with us at the covered picnic shelter before you head off to swim, and join us during breaks for snacks, drinks, and a couple activities! This event is open to middle school and high school youth.



ELCA Youth Gathering Meetings

We will be holding informational meetings this summer for those interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer (July 16-20, 2024).

These meetings will be held on **Sunday, June 11 following worship; Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 PM; and Sunday, July 16 following worship.** Even if you aren't ready to commit yet, please come and learn more about the trip, the city where we're going, what we'll do there, fundraising opportunities, and more!

All information shared at the meetings will be the same, so pick a meeting that works best for your schedule. Those eligible to attend the gathering are youth in grades 8-12 as of this upcoming school year.



Flat Jesus

On the last day of Sunday School, congregation members made a Flat Jesus to take with them over the summer. If you were unable to join us on that day and would like to make your own Flat Jesus to take with you on your adventures, please stop at the table in the Fellowship Hall and put one together. Then, send your pictures to Sandra at Saundra.Anderson@nvc.net or (605) 881-5629, and we'll feature them before worship services throughout the summer and on our welcome back day in the fall.

Flat Jesus has already been to Mexico with Mike & Lory Bretsch!

Happenings at Zion

Stewardship Update from Pastor Jim

I have been reminded by people from Zion whom I respect a lot that the word *stewardship* is about TIME and TALENTS as well as TREASURES. Zion is a congregation where many members are donating their time and talents to help out in various ways, and we want to continue to celebrate what they are doing for us. I'm thinking of everyone in the altar guild; in the volunteer kitchen crew who always help out for funerals; the men's group who serve breakfast every month after church; the folks who usher on Sunday mornings during worship; all the Sunday School teachers and helpers; the people who are willing to serve on the Church Council and on the many committees the church has; all the volunteer musicians who serve as soloists, cantors, or play in the praise band; lectors; the folks who help serve Communion; the church visitors who help me visit the shut-ins; the prayer shawl group, card group, and quilters who help us out; the van drivers who pick up people on Sunday morning and bring them to church and also return them to their homes; the people running the sound and PowerPoint on Sunday morning; the greeters, worship assistants, VBS helpers, Confirmation mentors, and so on. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list but only the areas that Sandra and I could think of at the time. If you help in an area we forgot to mention, we apologize.

At our Church Council retreat the end of April, here are the three priorities we want the congregation to focus on in the future in order to continue the positive momentum we are creating: 1) Focus on Time & Talents; 2) Work on building relationships with one another; 3) Have regular fellowship/community outreach events (the summer event will be the Family Fun Day at Wylie).

This fall we will be distributing a Time & Talents survey and will be asking everyone to take some time and fill it out. We will be listing various areas where your gifts and talents could be of great help to us here at church. Some of the general areas on the survey will be: Spiritual Development, Fellowship & Small Groups, Welcoming and Caring, Administration and Finance, Visitation, Worship, Property/Facilities/Stewardship, Mission & Outreach, Youth and Family. We will publish the entire Time & Talents Survey in the August newsletter so you can see the areas where your gifts could be used—for an hour or so a week or whatever you can spare!

Greetings my Zion friends,

Spring has finally sprung, and the yard work starts. I hope we take our projects in stride and do not overdo it. As for me, sometimes my mind is stronger than my body, and I must realize I do not recover as fast as I used to.

As we move into our busy summer with travel, visits to the lake, and family reunions, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you how I am experimenting to increase my giving to Zion as I join you in helping build a more solid financial foundation for our church and its mission. Even though we may not be able to attend as often as we like, or can't in the off season, the obligation of the church still continues. Time and talents are such a big importance to our church mission, and I thank each and every one of you for all that you do. We are so blessed with the efforts of so many helping to reach our common goal to move our mission forward.

And yes, I apologize, but I need to mention financial support. It is vital and needed, in addition to giving of time and talents. As for me, most of you know I travel a lot to visit my clients in several states. The IRS allows me a deduction on my income taxes for the expense. I have decided to tithe .10 per mile. This amounts to an additional several hundred dollars per month above my weekly commitment that I can give to the general fund. Please, I do not say this to boast. I realize that God has given me talents that I am able to use and help others. This allows me to share with my church family. I am very fortunate in my life and what to give back to the One who helps and leads me every day.

I ask you to pray and discern as to how you may be able to increase your giving. All of us pulling together makes the common goal easier to achieve.

Respectfully,
Ed Suchomel
Council President



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Stephanie HawkinsonPraise Band Director
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.

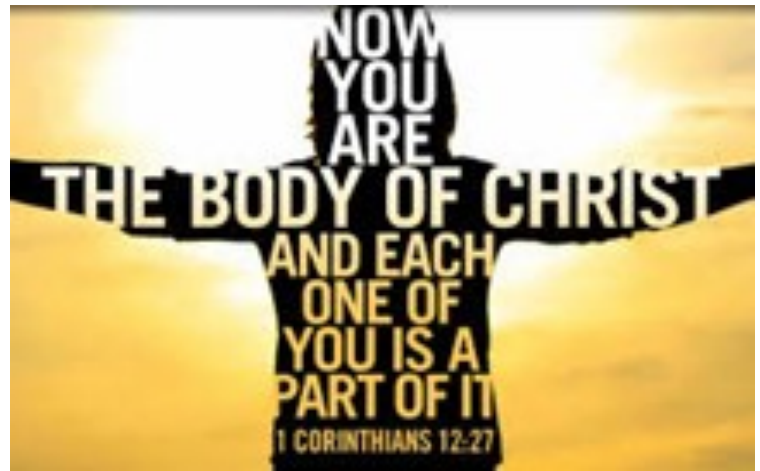
+ Zion opens her doors to singles, families, special needs, young and old, church and unchurched, welcoming all into the family of God.

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STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

THROUGH May 29, 2023

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$30,000.00
Actual May Income: \$30,627.16
Actual May Expenses: \$33,020.21

ZION MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Joe & Ruth Bosmoe
Duane Kolb
Bob Friske
Shelee Roth
Leon Tobin
Terry Olson

For:

General
General
Organ
Altar Guild
Youth Mission
Organ

From:

LaVina Nelson
LaVina Nelson
Karl/Sonya Kempf
Kathy Franz
Joel/Jane Albrecht
Lavone Merkel

Thank you for your ongoing gifts in memory of loved ones.

Thank You

Thank you all at Zion Lutheran Church for donating to the University Lutheran Center in Brookings, SD. My name is Sam Schauer and I'm a student at SDSU who goes to the ULC. What I really love about the ULC is the people and relationships. We are a family and we support each other through thick and thin. Your donations help us continue that family sense. Thanks so much!

Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

We have several openings for this 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: June 25, July 23 (half), September 10, September 24.

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS NEEDED

Call the office at
225-6755 to sign up

\$110 for whole broadcast
\$55 for half

Worship Schedule

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9:00 AM Worship service with Holy Communion
(livestreamed and live radio broadcast)
10:00 AM Fellowship time

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 follows worship, starting at 10:10 a.m.

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



Adopt-a-Grad

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The Mission & Outreach and Welcome & Caring Committees are looking for individuals and families who are interested in supporting our graduated 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 Nielsen or Nicole Schutter, email them at nnielsen53@gmail.com or nicoleschutter@yahoo.com, or call the church office to be added to our list!

Organ Committee

ZachAnderson: 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!

Organ Tea Fundraiser

The Organ Restoration Committee will be hosting a tea on **Saturday, September 30th at 2:00 PM**. We are planning to have 20 tables of 8 guests at each table for a total of 160 guests. Many volunteers have already signed up to bring sandwiches, goodies, teapots and fancy plates. Please consider being part of this major fundraiser! We need you! Please call April Nehlich at 605-226-0954 or Sonya Kempf at 605-228-2490 to volunteer!

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

Organ Key Sales

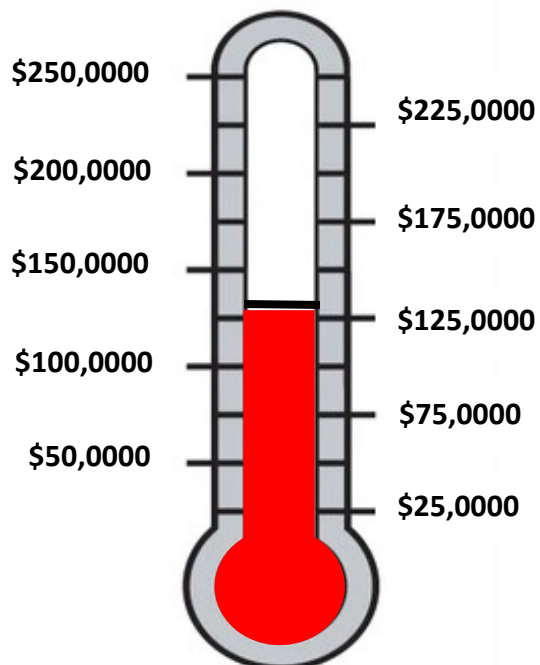
The Organ Committee is proud to display our recently received "The Key to our Restoration" display. Each key can be purchased for \$50 or a pedal for \$250. This display will eventually hang at the bottom of the stairs leading to the choir loft, but for the time being will be on display for people to 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!



Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$111,205.91
Unpaid pledges - \$33,226.04
Total project funds - \$144,431.95

Our Goal: \$250,000



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$105,568.05

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Mike Bretsch for sweeping our parking lots after the snow piles melted.

Thanks for all you do for Zion!



STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

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

Happenings at Zion

Table of Plenty

We hosted the monthly Table of Plenty meal on May 22 and handed out around 200 servings! Thank you to Sanford Aberdeen for sponsoring the meal. The next Table of Plenty will be held on **Monday, June 26 from 5:30-7 PM** and is sponsored by eXp Realty. Be sure to invite your friends and family, and join us for another great evening of food and conversation!



Men's Fellowship Opportunity

On Tuesdays, June 27th and July 25th at 8:00 PM, there will be a men's meeting at TBD for an opportunity for fellowship. This is intended to be extremely informal and an opportunity to get to know one another. Be sure to check the bulletins or the website each month for the location for the event. Please feel free to invite a friend, and we will see you there!



Senior Recognition

On May 14th our graduating seniors were recognized during the 9:00 worship service. Each received a copy of the book "Oh the Places You'll Go", inscribed with inspiring Bible verses and personalized messages from congregation members. Students also received a devotional and LED candle, along with a gift from the Zion women. During worship, we also recognized our two senior Zion scholarship recipients: Masyn Schutter and Grace Schwan, and our continuing ed Zion scholarship recipient: Kiera Weisser. Congratulations to the 2023 graduates! Left picture: Masyn Schutter, Faith Spitzer, Quintin Fischbach, Grace Schwan, and Jenna Otterstetter. Right picture: graduates with their parents being recognized during worship



KRAFT PILLOW SERVICE
will be at Zion on Tuesday, June 20th
from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM.
One Day Only!

No appointment is needed; just bring your pillows (all types of bed pillows, feather, down, fiber fill, etc.) - contents are removed from old pillow and cleaned, sanitized, deodorized & refluffed, and extra fill can be requested. Then new ticking (outside material) is put on. Make your pillows look like new!

Cost is \$16 & up per pillow depending on sized and thread count used.
New pillows are also available for purchase.

This is a fundraiser for Zion's Organ Restoration.

To spread the word for this amazing service, please help us by grabbing a flyer or flyers from the table by the entrance doors and take them to wherever you are allowed to hang them up. Let's get as many pillows here as possible.

For more information, see their website at kraftpillowservice.com or see the flyer on our kiosk.

THANKYOU!

For Your Information



- Saundra will be gone June 4-10 with the youth for the Denver service trip. She will also be on vacation June 16-19 and towards the end of July.
- Art will be on vacation June 12-18.
- Pastor Jim will be on vacation June 23-28 and towards the end of July.

Baptism Sunday

On Sunday, May 14th, we welcomed Miya Rynleigh Florence into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. Miya was baptized at the 9:00 service by Pastor Jim.

Miya is the daughter of Duncan and Shanae Florence.



Mini Bake Sale



The Youth Committee and families attending the Youth Gathering are hosting a Mini Bake Sale on Sunday, June 18th following worship. Prices will be marked on the items for sale. Be sure to stop by and pick up some goodies for your summer travels or for Father's Day!