

AUGUST 2023

# ZION'S JOURNEY

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

### From the Desk of Pastor Jim

Make sure you take a look at our “Time and Talents Survey” elsewhere in this newsletter. This year we are focusing on stewardship and giving back to God our treasure, our time, and our talents. Here is 1 Peter 4:10: “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” If we believe this verse, then we begin to realize that EACH of us is gifted in some way—musically, athletically, strong leadership skills, an encouragement to others, financially, etc. Perhaps you know someone who is very charismatic and able to inspire others or convince people to be better in some way. Here’s my point: in the Greek language of the New Testament, the word *gift* is the Greek word “charisma”. We are all charismatic—gifted by the Holy Spirit—but not so we can only use our gift to our own benefit! We are to use the gifts we have to help others in their lives.

At Zion Lutheran, we would love to hear from each of you about what you believe YOUR gifts are! That’s what this survey is for. Then we hope you take a look at our church committees and realize that your specific gifts could be very helpful in assisting one of our committees and their responsibilities. Here are our council committees: Faith Formation (consists of education and youth), Finance and Stewardship (consists of finance, stewardship, and properties), Mission and Outreach, Welcome and Caring (consists of welcome and outreach, fellowship, and visitation), and Worship and Music.

In addition to these committees, we also have a men’s group that helps out by cooking monthly meals one Sunday a month plus other helpful tasks, a women’s group that helps with funerals and their meals, plus with many other helpful tasks. We have a quilting group, a card-makers group, a book discussion group, etc.

Our hope is that each of you will 1) fill out the Time & Talent questionnaire, and then 2) pull those pages out of this newsletter carefully WITH your name on it, and then 3) drop the filled out questionnaire off at the church office. We will spend some time sorting the responses and then the different committee chairs will look at them and reach out to those people who have gifts that would help our ministries!

(Yes, we continue to ask for and need your financial stewardship, but this issue we are focusing on our gifts of time and talents!)

### Bombas Socks Donation

One of the Omaha churches I served as a part-time interim before moving here to Aberdeen was accepted by the Bombas company as a site to give socks away to people who need them. This company really believes in stewardship, as it is my understanding that “or ever pair they sell, they give a pair away.”

Trinity Lutheran in Omaha donated over 200 pairs of Bombas socks to Zion a month ago when I was there visiting my family and friends, and these socks are now almost all distributed to our community! Since then, Zion has also applied to be a Bombas sock donation site, but we are on a long waiting list as there are many other groups who have also applied.



### June 2023 Council Highlights

- A motion was made and approved to purchase a new microphone for the third headset that was broken.
- The council discussed and approved a motion to not sell any preschool items at this time.
- Work has begun on updating the sign out front and fixing up the grounds, starting with landscaping and planting flowers out front.
- Council approved a volunteer request for Aspire clients to volunteer at the church.

**There was no July council meeting.**

### **Special Offering for August is ELCA Hunger Appeal**

More than 820 million people - that's about 11% of people in our world today- are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the US, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas, and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to micro-loans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Thanks in advance for your donations!

## LuMin Update



August brings back to school and kicks off another season of Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northern State University. The student leadership of Northern LuMin have made plans to carry out our mission of hospitality, curiosity, service, and integrity.

This fall, we plan to create community by celebrating birthdays, dwelling differently, assembling laundry kits for campus, and hosting Grocery Bingo. We ask that you keep us in your prayers. Follow us on social media (Facebook or Instagram) for updates on our activities and to read our weekly devotions.

If you happen to be a Thrivent member with action team dollars, or are interested in partnering with Northern LuMin on one of our specific missions, please contact us at [northernlumin@gmail.com](mailto:northernlumin@gmail.com)

### Flat Jesus



It's not too late to send us your Flat Jesus pictures from your summer travels!

You can text them to Sandra at: (605) 881-5629 or email them to: [Saundra.Anderson@nvc.net](mailto:Saundra.Anderson@nvc.net). These pictures will be featured on Sunday mornings during the Announcement PowerPoint and on our Fall Kickoff Sunday.

## ZION HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

### Bethesda Home

Ben Schroeder  
Carol Knispel  
Jane Fischer  
Esther Ottenbacher

### Meadowbrooke Ct

Frances Wolff

### Mother Joseph

Lois Sollie  
Joey Kusler

### Derian Lodge

LaVon Eisen

### Milbank-Avantara

Marge Rhodes

### Bethesda Town Sq.

Meta Vetter  
Shirley Wagemann  
Viola Tetherow  
Lorraine Kusler

### Nano Nagle

Jo Tolvstad  
Verneda Wolff

### Minnesota

LeRoy Buechler

### California

Erna Schmierer

### Aberdeen Health & Rehab

Milbert Dais



## "GRATEFUL FOR YOU"

☺ Thank you to Trudy, Judy, & Deb for planting the geraniums (in the rain) ☺

☺ Thank you Donna & Sandra for changing the sign while Art was on vacation and to Donna for watering the outside flowers.

☺ Thank you to Keenan & Donna Steckler for taking down the tables and chairs to get the Fellowship Hall ready for Lifeline Screening.

☺ Thank you to Mike Bretsch for fixing a leak in our irrigation.

☺ Thank you to Kent Edson for the donation of a bible to the church library.

☺ Thank you to all who have participated in the groundskeeping project.

☺ Thank you to all the people who have served meals and led group activities for Vacation Bible School.



### New Member Sunday

We will be welcoming new members to our Zion faith family on **Sunday, August 6 during worship.** If you are interested in becoming a member on this Sunday, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

### **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](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving)

Or just scan this QR code with your smartphone and it will take you to our giving page.



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

### 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!



### 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.



## 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 the final session of VBS this summer as we explore who Jesus is. **The last session will be held on August 9 from 5:30-7:00 PM; sessions are open to all children in grades preK—5.** This month's focus will be on Jesus is the Shepherd and will feature a corresponding Bible story, along with a meal, music, and much more!

Stay tuned to next month's newsletter to see all the fun we've had learning about who Jesus is!

## Adopt-a-Grad

The Welcome and Caring and Mission and Outreach committees are in need of 3 more individuals or families to "adopt-a-grad" this school year.

Our hope is to have a meeting early-mid August to make plans for the school year. Please contact Norma Nielsen or Nicole Schutter if you are willing to adopt one of our high school graduates as they venture into their next chapters.



## Sweets with Sandra

Sweets with Sandra will be on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition to a free tasty treat, we will be completing a service project to benefit our shut ins. Meet at Zion at 3:00 PM; once the service project is complete, we will head to Twist Cone! Rides are available upon request. Open to middle and high school youth - Bring a friend!

## Mini Bake Sale

The Youth Committee and families attending the Youth Gathering are hosting a Mini Bake Sale on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> following worship.

Prices will be marked on the items for sale. Be sure to stop by and pick up some goodies! All proceeds benefit those attending the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer.



## 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 Sandra on Sundays.

There are only a few copies left—be sure to get yours before they're all gone!

# Faith and Family

## CREATED TO BE

### 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

including **MYLE** the tAble  
Young Adult Gathering

#### ELCA Youth Gathering Meetings

We will be holding informational meetings this month for those interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer (July 16-20, 2024). These meetings will be held on **Wednesday, August 9 @ 7:00 PM and Sunday, August 27 at 10:10 AM.** 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. There will also be meetings held in September and October, as well.



ZION YOUTH

### FAREWELL TO SUMMER

August 20 • 7 PM  
Mini golf & Twist Cone

BRING \$5 FOR THE  
EVENT; THE YOUTH  
COMMITTEE WILL  
PAY THE REST

Meet at Zion @ 6:45 PM

#### Farewell to Summer Event

A Farewell to Summer event of mini golf and Twist Cone will be held for middle and high school youth on Sunday, August 20 at 7:00 PM. Meet at 6:45 PM at the church, and bring \$5 towards the event; the youth committee will pay the rest. Bring a friend!

#### Lutherans at the Pools

On Thursday, July 6, middle and high school youth from the area ELCA congregations gathered at the Aberdeen Aquatic Center for an afternoon of fun at the pool! Over three dozen kids joined in the fun; they swam, played games, and enjoyed some delicious treats at each of the breaks. Some of the youth leaders and pastors from the different churches even competed in a diving competition!



#### Confirmation Group Project

Our soon-to-be confirmands completed their group service project this summer at the Salvation Army. They spent time in July packing meals for the Salvation Army's Feed the Kids summer food program, packing over 400 meals to be distributed. These students will be confirmed during worship on Reformation Sunday in October.

Pictured from left to right:

Kailey Jensen, Isaac VanderWeyst, and Michael Bjorgaard





# Happenings at Zion

## Baptism Sunday

On Sunday, July 16, we welcomed Kate Arlys Lambrechts into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. Kate was baptized at the 9:00 service by Pastor Jim. Kate is the daughter of Erik and Lisa Lambrechts and sister to Odin.

Pictured is the Lambrechts family with Pastor Jim and Kate's baptismal sponsor, Amanda Lambrechts.



## Stewardship Note

When we think of “stewardship” as an action, often times we think of the process of giving money toward a cause – in our case, toward Zion Lutheran Church’s general budget or the various special offering opportunities we encounter throughout the year. While monetary giving is a necessity and literally keeps the lights on, the word “stewardship” encompasses so much more. There is so much more to ensure a strong, healthy, and active congregation resides in God’s house, and we have amazing opportunities at Zion to be great stewards of *all* resources with which we’ve been blessed.

From teaching Sunday School to being active in worship services to driving the vans, we have a variety of ways to engage in stewardship opportunities and give back to the congregation and faith that provide us so much on a daily basis. Another way we as a congregation not only act as good stewards of our resources but at as a community liaison of stewardship is through our mission work, such as Table of Plenty. Through Table of Plenty, we open our doors, welcome in our community, and encourage our guests and volunteers to interact, get to know one another, and provide each other with food, fun, and fellowship...even for just an hour and a half each month. As Philippians 4:10-14 expresses, “<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup>I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup>I can do all this through him who gives me strength. <sup>14</sup>Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.”

We are so fortunate that in so many ways we can share in our neighbors’ troubles and use our time and talents to do so. Using our time and talents to meet these needs in our congregation and our community means we’re acting as good stewards of the amazing blessings...the “plenty”...we have been gifted from Him. As we look toward the future, think of the time, talents, and other resources you can share with our friends and family in Christ. All of these are of incredible valuable!

Blessings, Nicole Schutter

## Denver Service Trip

In June, seven youth and adults made the trip to Denver for a week long service experience through Service Learning Camps and had the most incredible time! All details will be shared in the newsletter next month after the trip presentation on July 31<sup>st</sup>; be sure to check back to see all the impactful work they did!



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### Staff

Saundra Anderson.....Pastoral Assistant  
 Donna Steckler.....Business Manager  
 Sonya Kempf.....Director of Music  
 Sue Gates.....Assistant Director of Music  
 Stephanie Hawkinson .....Praise 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.

### **Executive Committee:**

Ed Suchomel.....President  
 Chastity Madsen.....Vice-President  
 Joel Albrecht .....Treasurer  
 Brent Stanek.....Secretary

### **Council Representatives:**

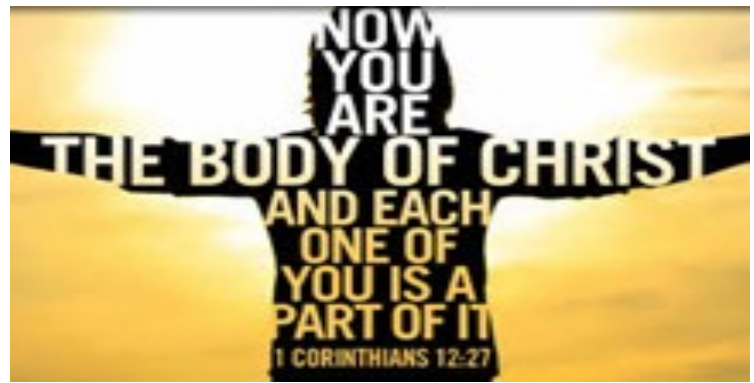
Jessica Moser.....Faith Formation  
 Ryan Bretsch .....Finance & Stewardship  
 Nicole Schutter.....Mission & Outreach  
 Norma Nielsen.....Welcome & Caring  
 Kathy Heffernan.....Worship & Music

### Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

We have several openings for the remainder of this year! If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday.

The upcoming Sundays are available to be sponsored:

**September 10, 24      October 1, 8, 15**



**STEWARDSHIP**  
*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

### **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT**

### **THROUGH July, 27 2023**

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$30,000.00  
 Actual July Income: \$24,746.54 (thru 7/27)  
 Actual July Expenses: \$28,102.32 (thru 7/27)

### **ZION MEMORIALS**

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Leon Tobin	Organ	Gary\Wanda Morehouse
Ruth Bosmoe	Organ	Gary\Wanda Morehouse
Kenny Kabrud	Altar Guild	Mary Jane Kabrud
Joe\Ruth Bosmoe	Organ	Fred Rist
Irene Gunderson	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Leon Tobin	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Barb Nehlich	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Ella Aipperspach	Radio	LaVern Albrecht
Leon Tobin	Organ	Bob\Jan Patterson
Irene Gunderson	Altar Guild	Carmel Heyd
Leon Tobin	Altar Guild	Carmel Heyd
Barb Nehlich	Altar Guild	Carmel Heyd
Gladys Voegelé	Altar Guild	Carmel Heyd
Ella Aipperspach	Radio	Ron\Mary Kost
Leon Tobin	Youth Mission	Ron\Mary Kost
Ella Aipperspach	Radio	Wilma Zimmerman
Robert Friske	Organ	Gladys Melcher
Ella Aipperspach	Organ	Gladys Melcher
Curt Bossert	Organ	Gladys Melcher
Gladys Voegelé	Organ	Gladys Melcher
Barb Nehlich	Organ	Joel\Jane Albrecht
Ella Aipperspach	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Gladys Voegelé	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Howard Leicht	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Karen Weisz	Organ	Gladys Melcher
Howard Leicht	Organ	Gladys Melcher
Janis Hasz	Organ	Gladys Melcher
Reinie Delzer	Organ	Gladys Melcher

### **In Honor of:**

Daughter Sandy & her husband Robin's 35th wedding anniversary

### **For:**

Altar Guild

### **From:**

Mary Jane Kabrud



# Worship Schedule

## S U M M E R 2 0 2 3

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](mailto:zion@nvc.net).

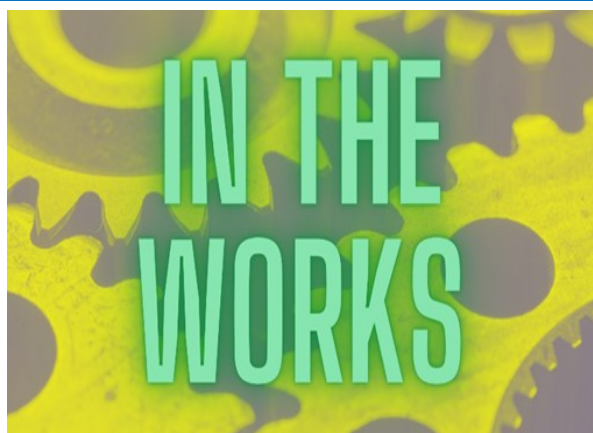


**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

### 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!



### In the Works

- We are looking ahead to Fall Kickoff Sunday on **Sunday, September 10**. Stay tuned to next month's newsletter for all the events planned for the day!
- We are looking at the possibility of hosting a drive-up donut event once a month before school in our south parking lot. As details are worked out, we'll share more information!



### Organ Committee

Zachary 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 "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.

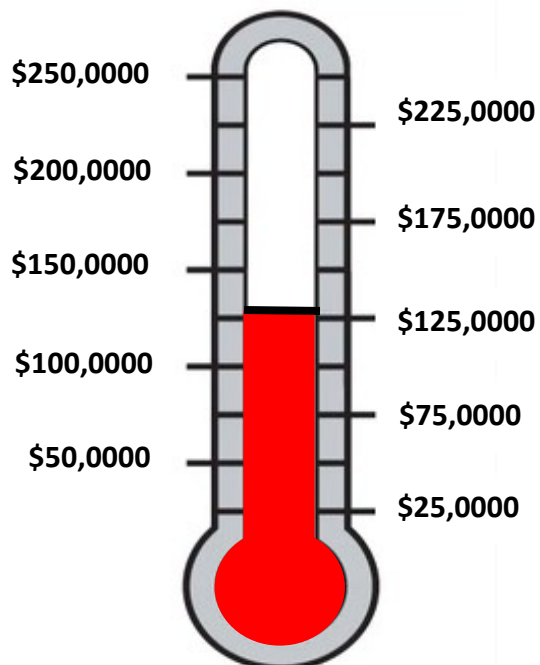
Thank you to all who have helped with their time and donations so far for our organ restoration!



### Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$114,766.03  
Unpaid pledges - \$31,189.30  
Total project funds - \$145,955.33

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



Remaining pledge amount needed  
**\$104,044.67**

### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

#### Men's Fellowship Opportunity

On Wednesday, August 30 at 8:00 PM, there will be a men's meeting at Dempsey's for an opportunity for fellowship. This is intended to be extremely informal and an opportunity to get to know one another. Please feel free to invite a friend, and we will see you there!

### **STAY CONNECTED WITH US!**

Web: [zionlutheranaberdeen.org](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org)  
YouTube: [bit.ly/ZLCYouTube](http://bit.ly/ZLCYouTube)  
Facebook: [facebook.com/ZionAberdeen](https://facebook.com/ZionAberdeen)  
Facebook: [facebook.com/zlcaberdeenyouth](https://facebook.com/zlcaberdeenyouth)  
Instagram: [@zlcaberdeensd](https://instagram.com/zlcaberdeensd)



# Happenings at Zion



## Kraft Pillow Service Fundraiser

The Organ Restoration Committee held a Kraft Pillow Service Fundraiser on Tuesday, June 20. In total, over 80 pillows were cleaned and several more pillows were purchased. Thank you to all who brought their pillows for the event and to all who worked at the event throughout the day!



## About Blooming Time

As part of some sprucing up of the church grounds, Zion members came together and trimmed bushes, pulled weeds, and planted new flowers on the east side of the building along Main Street. There are also plans in the works for sprucing up the sign on Melgaard Road. Thank you to all who have given your time and talents to this project!



## Zion Garden Walk

Zion's first garden walk was held on Wednesday, July 19. Participants started at Fred & Nancy Schmidt's house and then toured Ed Suchomel & Mille Suchomel's garden, Gary & Wanda Morehouse's garden, and ended at Mike & Jessica Moser's house for lemonade and dessert. Thank you to Jessica Moser for all your hard work in arranging the event and to all who hosted and toured! It was a great evening of fellowship.



## Quilt Donation for the Bazaar

The quilt pictured to the right is the one that will be raffled at the Fall Bazaar on Saturday, September 23rd. Pictured are Norma Miller, who assisted in the making of the quilt, and Wilma Zimmerman, who made the quilt out of handkerchiefs that were received as gifts. Quilt tickets will be sold next month ahead of the Bazaar.

