

Announcements for September 17, 2023

Leading Worship Today (9:00 AM):

Presiding: Pastor Jim Holthus

Worship Assistant: Phyllis Gab

Lector: Mike Bretsch

Sound: Kathy Heffernan

PowerPoint: Wanda Wagemann

Communion Server: Chastity Madsen

Ushers: Lyle & Lois Chapin; Leonard Berger

Pianist: Sue Gates

Zion Worship Opportunities

Fall 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 \$55.00. You are welcome to donate in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of

Zion's Radio Broadcast is heard each week at 9:30 am on **KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM)**. Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Lavone Merkel in celebration of her birthday, which is today.

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.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING is SAFE

HARBOR – Safe Harbor serves adults and children by providing shelter and resources for making positive life choices. Their mission is to empower individuals in abusive situations by providing advocacy and support services; to educate and motivate the community to be proactive in eliminating abuse. Thanks for your support!

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 each 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.

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

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.

TABLE OF PLENTY – The next TOP Meal will be held Monday, September 25th from 5:30-7:00 PM. The meal will be meatballs in gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, and a cookie and is sponsored by the Aberdeen Sertoma Club. If you are interested in supporting this ministry by volunteering, please contact Nicole Schutter at 670-6216 or Marissa Jondahl at 228-3524. Thanks to all who have volunteered; your help is greatly appreciated.

ORGAN KEYS SALE - Stop by the table in the Narthex and check out the finished engraved keyboard that has been delivered from J.F. Nordlie for our organ key sale. You may purchase a key for \$50 or a pedal for \$250. They will be engraved in honor or memory of, in celebration of or simply with your name to support the effort to fund our organ restoration.

If you would like to purchase a key or a pedal or have questions, please contact a member of the committee.

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

TABLE OF PLENTY YARD SIGNS --Table of Plenty has been rekindled and we need to keep working to get the word out! Please make sure that you display your yard signs if you still have them. If you no longer desire to, please return them to the church.

ZION FALL BAZAAR – Mark your calendar and make plans to join us this Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Please bring any items for Grandma’s Treasurers, Hobby Nook or Kid’s Corner during the coming week. and put items in the Fellowship Hall. Any baked or candy items for the bake sale and candy shop or garden produce can be brought beginning Friday, September 22nd. Thanks for helping us make our bazaar a success!

GET YOUR TICKETS – Stop by and see the beautiful quilt **“Hankies of Hope”** on display in the Narthex today and purchase your tickets. This is the quilt that will be raffled at Zion’s Bazaar on Saturday, September 23rd. Tickets are 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5. You do not need to be present to win.

ZION’S FALL TEA will be held on **Saturday, September 30th at 2:00 PM**. All proceeds will go towards the restoration of the church’s pipe organ. Tickets are \$15 each and are available for purchase in the church office (225-6755). If you purchase 8 tickets, a table tent will be placed on your table to assure that you & your friends will sit together. Door prizes will be given away. Janelle Heyd-Leuning will provide the music. Please join us for a fun, relaxing time while enjoying tea, sandwiches, desserts, and special music.

TEAPOTS & TRAYS NEEDED – We are looking for teapots and trays for our Fall Tea on September 30th. The teapots can be usable or decorative. We will use some on the tables for decorations and some for serving. The serving trays we are seeking can be tiered or flat. They will hold our mini bars and desserts. If you have any that we could borrow for this event, please contact the church office or April Nehlich at 226-0954.

LIFELINE SCREENING is the nation’s leading provider of preventive health screenings they will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at **Zion Lutheran Church on Tuesday, October 24, 2023**.

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- ***Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)**
- ***Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening**
- ***Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)**
- ***Atrial Fibrillation**

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160 or online at <https://llsa.social/HC>

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor. Two coupons valued at \$85 are available in the church office if you are interested in making an appointment and would like a coupon.

QUILTS – The quilts you see on the pews today are available to the congregation for purchase as a preview before the bazaar which will be Saturday, Sept. 23rd. **The regular quilts are \$25 dollars each and the denim quilts are priced individually**. To purchase your quilt of choice, see Norma Miller, Lois Chapin or Elaine

Schumacher after worship. Any remaining quilts will be sold at the Bazaar.

CONFIRMATION MEETINGS - We will be holding our confirmation kickoff meetings coming up in September. We are making a couple of changes to the 7 & 8 requirements for confirmation, so be sure to attend! If you can't make it, please contact Sandra, and I will meet with you individually to talk about requirements:

- 7&8 grade: Sundays, September 17 & 24 @ 10:15 AM in the youth room (only need to attend one of the mtgs.)
- 9th grade: Will meet in November
- 10th grade: Sunday, September 24 @ 11:00 AM

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING MEETING—We will be holding our final informational meeting **Sunday September 17 @ 11:00 AM.** for those interested in attending the **ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans** next summer (**July 16-20, 2024**).

If you are interested in learning more about the trip, please come to the informational meeting or if you are unable to attend the meeting, information can be sent to you. Please get in touch with Sandra.

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS - On Sunday, October 16th, our three-year-olds and 2nd graders will be receiving their very own Bibles! Our 2nd graders will be receiving a new Bible this year—the Adventure Bible! Youth currently in grades 3-6 can pick up a new Adventure Bible during the Sunday School opening on October 16th, as well. **The 2nd grade Bibles will be available to sign by congregation members starting on September 24.**

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS UPDATE - Thank you to those who were able to help build beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace this past week! As mentioned earlier, Zion will be hosting a freezer meal prep day as part of God's Work Our Hands. The date for this event has been set for Sunday, October 1 @ 11:30 AM in the kitchen.

Ingredient cards are available on the table in the narthex; please return these cards with the donated ingredients by Friday, September 29th so any remaining ingredients can be purchased. With the upcoming Bazaar and Fall Tea, please leave non-refrigerated ingredients on the table in the narthex.

ZION APPAREL FOR SALE - The Youth Committee and those attending the ELCA Youth Gathering will be selling Zion apparel: t-shirts, long-sleeved shirts, crew necks, hoodies, and aprons. Sizes available are youth small-5X, and clothing is available in a handful of colors. Items will be sold starting today until Sunday, October 1 through an online store or on Sunday mornings in the narthex. Online store purchases can only be made with a credit card; cash and check purchases can be made using the order forms in the narthex. Zion apparel would not only make a great gift for the upcoming holiday season but could be worn when working at Zion events or at volunteer opportunities! Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to order online! If you have any questions, please contact Sandra.



TIME & TALENT SHEETS - Throughout the month of September, time and talent sheets will be included in the bulletin. Please take a moment and fill one out and return to the basket on the table in the fellowship hall or to the church office by the end of the month. Extra sheets and ministry guides will be available starting today, as well. Thank you for your willingness to share your gifts with Zion!

GAMES & GRUB - Join us for an evening of food and fun! Meet at Zion at 4:30 PM on Sunday, September 24th; we will pick a main course recipe and dessert to make and eat together, and then enjoy an evening of games and fellowship together. Open to middle and high school youth—bring a friend!

We are looking for congregational members to join in helping and teaching us how to prepare your favorite meal! If you're interested, please visit with Sandra.

DRIVE UP DONUTS - On the last Wednesday of the month, donuts and a devotion will be available for pickup at Zion and Good Shepherd Lutheran churches. Simply enter the south parking lot, drive up to the table, and a helper will hand you donuts and a devotion that you can enjoy on your way to school. The first drive up donuts event will be held on Wednesday, September 27th from 7:30-8:00 AM. This event will be open to kids of all ages (and any parents or adults who are chauffeuring)! Need to be present to receive a donut.

IT'S FALL, Y'ALL!—Mark your calendar--if you love all things fall, this one is for you! On Sunday, October 1, the middle and high school youth from Zion, Good Shepherd, and St. John's in Warner will come together for a joint fall event!

We will meet at Zion at 2:30 PM and travel to the. Back Forty Beef Adventure Farm outside Pierpont. There will be a corn maze, straw tunnels, slide, games and a corn box to check out! Once we're done, we'll then travel back to Zion for a soup supper. Alternate fall activities planned if it's raining! Cost is \$5 per youth; this event is open to kids in grades 6-12.

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:** Della Mullner, Joyce Mentzer, Meta Vetter, Bob Mentzer, Sharon Paranto, Myron Walth, Lyle Chapin, Leonard (father of Barb Gardner)

*** For those diagnosed with cancer or other long-term illness:** Jerry Gab, Connie Sorenson, Duane Wagemann, Ken Cordingley, Barb Gardner, Esther Ottenbacher, Mildred Preszler

***We ask for God's loving embrace to hold all who mourn,** especially the family of Mark & Martha Good of Avoca, IA at Mark's death this past week. Martha is the sister of Kathy Heffernan. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Zion Calendar

SUNDAY – September 17

9:00 AM Worship Service with H\C
10:00 AM Fellowship Time
10:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM 7th & 8th grade confirmation mtg.
in youth room
11:00 AM Education committee meeting
11:00 AM Youth gathering meeting

MONDAY – September 18

1:00 PM Quilter's
7:00 PM GA Meeting

TUESDAY – September 19

6:30 PM Church Council

WEDNESDAY – September 20

8:30 PM AA @ Zion

THURSDAY – September 21

1:00 PM Quilters

FRIDAY – September 22

Kitchen in use

SATURDAY – September 23

9:00 AM- 1:00 PM Bazaar
1:00 PM Bazaar cleanup

SUNDAY – September 24

9:00 AM Worship Service with H\C
10:00 AM Fellowship Time
10:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM 7th & 8th grade confirmation mtg.
in youth room
11:00 AM 10th grade confirmation meeting
4:30 PM MS & HS Games & Grub