From the Desk of Pastor Jim

Each of us is gifted by the Holy Spirit. The New Testament has several passages that talk about how EACH of us has at least one spiritual gift—given to us in order to help each other and to "build up the body of Christ." Here are some of these gifts—you might just find yourself thinking, "Hey, I'm good in that area; I might have that spiritual gift!" Here is a partial list of spiritual gifts given to us:

From Ephesians chapter 4 a group of spiritual gifts: ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...

From 1 Corinthians 12: ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, ^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ^[b] II All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

From Romans 12: ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your ^[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, ^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

From 1 Peter 4: ¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ¹¹ Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ.

Zion Lutheran has some clear positive momentum going. Your church council, at the April spring retreat, had as a clear goal to get to know one another better, to give every member of the church an opportunity to fill out a Time & Talents sheet, and for the church council to then learn from what you have shared what things you're good at! We know a lot about one another, but everyone has an unknown talent/gift/ability; what we are asking is for everyone to fill out a Time and Talent sheet and hand it in to the office.

We hope to share this information with our committees here at Zion so that our leaders will learn which members have what gifts. Then we hope to approach one another and ask to learn more about your gifts and give you the opportunity to help the appropriate committee for ONE YEAR to see if you think it's a good match. If it is, we hope you consider staying where your gifts can be best used; if it's not a good fit, you can leave that committee and find another one here at the church where your gifts might be better suited. **Two of these gifts are "serving" or "helping".** I am so grateful for the people at Zion who continue to volunteer and find an area where their gifts can be used.

During September, we will have the Time & Talents questionnaire in our church bulletins. Please take the questionnaire home and fill it out, bring it back, and turn it into the church office. This is a great opportunity to continue moving Zion forward into a time of greater functioning and ministry to one another and to our community, our synod, and our country.

August 2023 Council Highlights

- The Men's Group will be serving breakfast on Fall Kickoff Sunday on September 10. This will be the first day of Sunday School, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Installation of Sunday School teachers. Noisy offering will be moved to September 18.
- Council discussed and okayed the switching of the Healing Service in October to the 22nd due to Reformation/ Confirmation/Trunk or Treat on October 29th.
- Council discussed the possibility of a new electronic sign on Melgaard. The digital display could be changed from a laptop. They are asking the company to come in and explain how this all would work.

Special Offering for September is Safe Harbor

Originally formed in 1977, Safe Harbor began as a volunteer phone service providing information to women. Soon it was evident the community needed more than just a source of information, especially for people in need of shelter in a crisis situation.

Today, 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.

While they are based in Aberdeen, they serve seven counties in northeastern SD including Brown, Campbell, Day, Edmunds, Marshall, McPherson and Potter.

Thanks for your support!

LuMin Update





If you have been following us on Facebook and/or Instagram you already know we have been busy building community by welcoming students and hosting a social learning event S'MORE conversations.

As we continue on our mission of building and engaging community on campus, in September we begin our study series on Social Wellness. Throughout the month devotions and activities focus on how we interact and support not only our friends and loved ones but also our not so favorite people.

If you are interested in supporting Northern LuMin programming, \$10.00 helps us celebrate a birthday, or could make 4 laundry care kits for students on campus. Please contact us at northernlumin@gmail.com for more information.

Join our Visitation Team!

Zion is richly blessed by having a team of 4-6 people who find time to regularly visit our seniors who are basically homebound. Each of them is given a small home Communion kit and is shown how to offer Communion to these people. Their goal is to get to the people they regularly visit every other month. PJ often ends up with the "crisis visits" of people in the hospital for a procedure or after a family has gotten some devastating news; so his goal

doesn't happen. Do you enjoy visiting and getting to know people? Talk to Pastor Jim and see if you could help out with this group.

ZION HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Bethesda Home

of visiting some of our regular older folks

Ben Schroeder Carol Knispel Jane Fischer Esther Ottenbacher

Meadowbrooke Ct

Frances Wolff

Mother Joseph

Lois Sollie

Derian Lodge

LaVon Elsen

Milbank-Avantara

Marge Rhodes

Bethesda Town Sq.

Meta Vetter Shirley Wagemann Viola Tetherow Lorraine Kusler

Nano Nagle

Jo Tolvstad Verneda Wolff

<u>Minnesota</u>

LeRoy Buechler

California

Erna Schmierer

Aberdeen Health

& Rehab Milbert Dais



Grateful For You

- Thanks to Loren Nehlich for all his work on the irrigation for the flowers.
- Thank you to all who share their garden produce with the congregation.
- Thanks to Carmel Heyd,
 Norma Miller, Deb Hardy, Kent
 Johnsen, Loren & April Nehlich,
 Kaelyn Schutter, Cadynce
 German, Allen Nash, Isaac
 VanderWeyst, Shanae Florence,
 Frances Mathiason, Stephanie
 Hawkinson, Nicole & Sienna
 Weisser, and the Faith Formation
 Committee for hosting and
 helping with VBS this summer.
 The kids had a great time!
- © Thanks to Marilyn Bender & April Nehlich for the fall decorations on the Fellowship Hall stage for the upcoming tea.



Noisy Offering

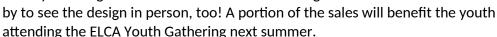
We will collect noisy offering during the worship service during the offering time on the third Sunday of this month due to the Fall Kickoff activities. Don't forget your coins!

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.

Zion T-shirt Sales

Have you seen the colorful Zion t-shirts that our mission trip participants have been wearing? Now they're available to you!

We'll be selling this front/back style t-shirt starting later this month. An online store will be available for ordering ease. Not a fan of purchasing online? No problem! Order forms will be available on Sunday mornings at the table in the narthex. Swing





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.

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 Saundra 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!





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

Stewardship Update

Zion Family,

It is an amazing blessing to be granted the opportunity to address you this month. As a new member, this year, on the Church Council I have been faithfully praying for guidance and wisdom as we navigate the continual evolution of what, how, why, and where we serve and live as a body in Christ. As such, the term stewardship is constantly on my mind. The term's roots, stigweard, literally translate from Old English as the "guardian of the hall". It is important to contemplate the implications of the meaning. To guard something, or keep it safe, could be and should be considered a sacred duty. We need brave seneschals empowered by the Spirit to teach, contemplate, deliberate, discuss, give, and otherwise engage in the active life that a living faith requires.

My family struggles, like many, to financially contribute in any kind of grand way. But, we give what we can. We read Bible stories from a Bible our Zion Family gifted my son. We pray using our prayer pillow prayers. We sing hymns and volunteer. We remind each other how much we love each other and are thankful for our

everyday. And we fiercely guard the foundations of a Faith formed in love by a creator who chooses us, no matter what we think that we have to offer.

Taking up the challenge of stewardship is not a burden for the few. All of us have an obligation as the body in Christ, to love and serve. God does not call us to inaction, he prepares us to be equipped for his action. I know, already, this is an amazing Faith Family to be a part of and I am humbled and honored that I have been called here. It is a blessing to serve with you, my brothers and sisters.

Peace, Brent Stanek

Vacation Bible School

We had an incredible time through our three sessions of Vacation Bible School, held once a month throughout the summer! We explored who Jesus is, learning about Jesus is the Light of the World, Jesus is Love and Kindness, and Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

We had a great time playing games, reading Bible stories, making nearly 80 care packs for Step Up Ministries and Journey home, and making treasure boxes! Thanks to all who came and participated, and a special thank you to all the volunteers to made these evenings such a success.









Faith and Family



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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Young Adult Gathering

ELCA Youth Gathering Meetings

We will be holding our final ELCA Youth Gathering informational meeting this month! Come and learn more about the trip, the city where we're going, what we'll do there, fundraising opportunities, and more. Travel arrangements and cost have been set, and the registration window is open!

If you are interested in learning more about the trip, please come to the informational meeting on **Sunday, September 17 at 11:00 AM**. If you are unable to attend the meeting, information can be sent to you.



BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 DURING WORSHIP

> 3 year olds receive a Storybook Bible

2nd graders receive an Adventure Bible

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.

Fall Kickoff Sunday

We are so excited to begin another fall season here at Zion! There are lots of activities planned for the morning, so be sure to mark September 10th on your calendar and join in the fun!

Schedule of events:

9:00 AM Worship with live radio broadcast, Holy Communion, and Blessing of the Backpacks

10:00 AM Fellowship time & Fall Kickoff brunch

10:30 AM Sunday School opening in the sanctuary; parent meeting to follow

During the fellowship hour, there will be different activities for all ages! There will be plenty of time for everyone to enjoy a delicious meal together. Then, Sunday School children and parents will head to the sanctuary at 10:30 AM for the opening with a parent meeting to follow. There will be handprints available for all to participate in our opening Sunday activity, as well!



Faith and Family

Denver Service Trip

In June, five youth and two adults participated in a week-long service trip to the Denver area. While there, they worked with seven different ministry partners who focused on different needs in the community, from painting houses, food and housing insecurities, pet adoption and more. The group had an incredible trip and were able to share the impact that they made during a Stockholder and Congregational Brunch on Sunday, July 30. **Thank you** to all who supported and prayed for the participants!



HAY RIDES AND FALL VIBES Sunday, October 1 3:00 PM Hay ride, corn maze, supper, music, and more

Hay Rides and Fall Vibes Event

Mark your calendar--if you love all things fall, this one is for you!

On Sunday, October 1, we will be joining the middle and high school youth from Good Shepherd and St. John's in Warner for a joint fall event!

Final details are being set; check the bulletins, website, Band app, and mail for updates!

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 Saundra, 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 meetings)
- 9th grade: Will meet in November
- 10th grade: Sunday, September 24 @ 11:00 AM





First Sundays

Join us for a time of fellowship, service, faith, and fun! Come as you are, and join in when you can Open to middle and high school youth—bring a friend!

We will start fall First Sundays in **October.** Stay tuned for more information!

Zion Lutheran Church

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

Executive Committee:

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

Council Representatives:

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

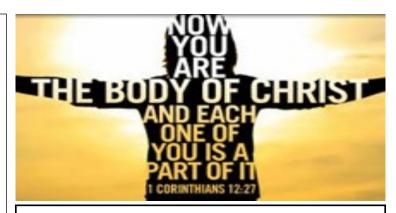
Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday!

Open Sundays for the rest of the year include:

October 8, 22 November 12, 19, 26 December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31







FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

THROUGH August, 29 2023

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$27,500.00

Actual Aug. Income: \$24,746.54 (thru 8/29) Actual Aug. Expenses: \$28,102.32 (thru 8/29)

ZION MEMORIALS

In Memory of:	For:	From:
Wilma Flakoll	Organ	Mary Jane Kabrud
Barb Nehlich	Sunday School	Loren\April Nehlich
Lisa Bean	Sunday School	Loren\April Nehlich
David Johnson	Sunday School	Loren\April Nehlich
Ella Aipperspach	Prayer Shawl	Family & Friends
Ella Aipperspach	Radio Broadcast	Delila Norton
Ella Aipperspach	Radio Broadcast	Doug\Ronda Smith
Ella Aipperspach	Radio Broadcast	Family & Friends
Howard Leicht	Organ Gai	ry\Wanda Morehouse
Joey Kusler	Youth	Family & Friends
Joey Kusler	Organ	Family & Friends
Joey Kusler	Altar Guld	Carmel Heyd
Joey Kusler	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Joey Kusler	Altar Guild	Wilma Zimmerman
Joey Kusler	Youth Mission	Ray\Marcie Andersh
Gary Larson	Sunday School	Loren\April Nehlich

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 Saundra on Sundays.

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



Worship Schedule

9:00 AM Worship with live radio broadcast, Holy

Communion, and livestream

10:00 AM Fellowship time

10:15 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 10:15 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 Saundra 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.





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



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY—We are currently working with Bethlehem and Good Shepherd churches to finalize plans for God's Work Our Hands Sunday, which will most likely be held later this month.

Be sure to check upcoming bulletins and announcements for details!



Fall Tea

Zion's Fall Tea will be held on **Saturday**, **September 30**th **at 2:00 PM**. All proceeds will go towards the restoration of the church's pipe organ. Tickets will be \$15.00 each and will be available for sale beginning **Tuesday**, **Sept. 5**.

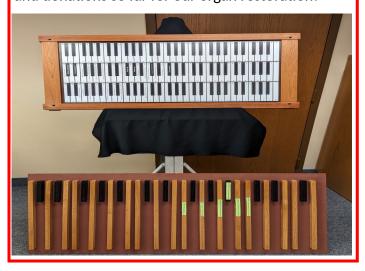
Tickets will be available in the church office. If you purchase 8 tickets, a table tent will be placed on your table to assure that you and your friends will be seated together. Door prizes will be given away. Janelle Heyd-Leuning will provide the music.

Please join us for a fun, relaxing time while enjoying tea, sandwiches, desserts and special music!

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 - \$115,906.90 Unpaid pledges - \$30,148.43 Total project funds - \$146,055.33



Remaining pledge amount needed \$103,944.67



Men's Fellowship Opportunity

On Wednesday, September 27 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!

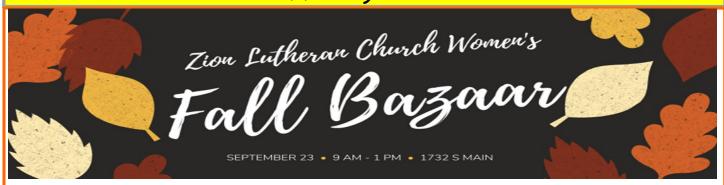
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Instagram: @zlcaberdeensd

Happenings at Zion



YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE 2023 BAZAAR ARE WELCOME— MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US!

The Fall Bazaar is Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Breakfast is at 9:00 AM with juice, coffee, kuchen & rolls being served. Lunch is served beginning at 10:45 AM until 1:00 PM and will be turkey noodle soup, homemade BBQ, chips, pickles, pie, kuchen, coffee & lemonade.

We are asking for donations for the following booths. Please bring your donations for the booths beginning Monday, September 11th to classrooms A&B. Any baked or candy items for the bake sale can be brought beginning Friday, Sept. 22nd. **Bring any of the listed items and crafts if you have anything to donate to make the Bazaar a success.** No clothes or large electronics please.

Thanks in advance for your help to make this years bazaar a success!

- * Hobby Nook will have crafts, quilts and wooden items.
- * Bake Sale & Candy Corner will have all kinds of goodies & snacks (calories removed). :)
- * Kids Corner is for all the children's toys you want to get out of the house.
- * Kuchen Corner is for all the homemade kuchen made on Friday at church.
- * Grandma's Treasurers will have all the glass items, puzzles & the things you cant do without.
- * Garden Produce will have all the garden vegetables, plants, apples, pumpkins, canned goods and honey.

Please come and spend the day with us! Zion Lutheran Church Women

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 are being sold on Sunday mornings and in the church office during the week.



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First Lutherans at Wylie Bicycle Ride Held

A small but mighty group met at Good Shepherd Lutheran on Sunday, July 30 and biked three miles to Wylie to explore the park, visit, and relax.

We hope to make this an annual summer community event and include bicyclers of all ages from the Lutheran churches near us.

Happenings at Zion

New Member Sunday

On Sunday, August 6th, we welcomed four new members into our Zion faith family. Pictured below are Frances & Luna Mathiason and Tyler Wipf & Samantha Raile, who affirmed their baptism during worship. Welcome to Zion!





Farewell to Summer

On Sunday, August 20, the middle and high school youth met together for a night of mini golf and ice cream to say goodbye to summer. Pictured below are the students with Pastoral Assistant Saundra who braved the mosquitoes for a night of fun before school started.



Happenings at Zion

Table of Plenty

Table of Plenty has been restarted for six months now, and each month brings more and more people to the community meal!

Thank you to all of the sponsors who have hosted so far: Summit Carbon Solutions, Glacial Lakes Energy,

Carbon Solutions, Glacial Lakes Energy, Sanford Aberdeen, eXp Reality & State Farm Insurance—Tiffany Paul, our anonymous sponsors, and the Presentation Sisters. Also, a big **thank you** to the groups who help serve the meals: the Boys & Girls Club, Central's SADD & NHS groups, Holgate Youth Power, and our regular monthly congregational and community



volunteers. These meals wouldn't happen without you!

If you belong to a business or community group who would either like to sponsor or help serve a meal, please contact Nicole Schutter or Marissa Jondahl.

There will be an opportunity for Zion to assist in hosting a meal later this fall by serving and bringing desserts. Stay tuned for more details on how you can support this important community outreach event!

Bible Study

Pastor Jim will once again be hosting Bible Study on Wednesday evenings starting in October in conjunction with 7th and 8th grade confirmation. These studies will be held every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 PM; the fall will focus on the Old Testament of the Bible, and the winter sessions will cover the New Testament. PJ is also looking to host a daytime version of this Bible Study if there is enough interest. If you are interested in attending a Bible Study held during the day, please visit with Pastor Jim.