

OCTOBER 2023

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bible Study is back!

Pastor Jim is restarting Bible study in October. Adults may attend either the Wednesday evening class with the confirmands and their parents that goes from 6:30-7:30 PM starting October 4, or join us Thursdays starting October 5 over the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 in Classrooms A & B. Feel free to bring your own lunch, show up late and leave early if you are on a time schedule. Bring your own Bible, or use one of ours. We'll be using handouts so you can take them home after class and look at them in more detail.

Our Bible study theme is "*An Introduction to the Bible*" so we'll be spending the fall primarily looking at the Old Testament, starting with God's call to Abraham in Genesis 12 and continuing from there up through the prophets. There are 7 lessons I have put together on the Old Testament and another 6 lessons on the New Testament. At the end of the classes, you'll know more than you did when you started but also probably have more questions about the Bible.

Confirmation Classes start October 5

I will offer confirmation classes for any young person interested (those connected to our congregation and their friends as well!) on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM starting October 4. We ask that a parent or a designated adult attend classes with the youth.

Classes will be held on **Wednesday evenings from October 4 through November 15** in the fellowship hall. During these 7 sessions the topic will be "*An Introduction to the Bible*" and we'll be studying the Old Testament—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, King Saul, King David, King Solomon, and the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. We'll learn about the Exodus from Egypt and the Ten Commandments, the struggles to live in the Promised Land, the exile to Babylon, and many other stories.

The fall semester will focus entirely on the Old Testament, so confirmands should bring their orange Spark Bible as we'll be looking at the maps in the back as well as other highlights in these Bibles. Let us know if you can't find your Bible.

Thanks for filling out your Time & Talent Questionnaires

Your church leadership wants to thank all of you who took the time to fill out the Time & Talents Questionnaires over the last month! The church council will be looking at them and sorting them into the different areas that you've marked so we can 1) reach out and say thanks for doing this, 2) mention to you that your interest in a couple specific areas of ministry are intriguing to us, 3) ask if you'd consider thinking about checking out the committee at church that works in that area as their job description, and 4) ask if you'd be willing to join the others on that committee for a one-year trial period to see if it's something you enjoy.

We'll work on a way to publicize our church committees to help you see which area your interests/gifts would be a positive contribution for. Last year we put up big posters from each committee on the wall of the fellowship hall so you could have coffee, walk by and see which one(s) interested you. October is our month to collect, collate, and organize these Time & Talent sheets, so thanks again for stepping up and filling one out!



September 2023 Council Highlights

- Louise Schwab from Aberdeen Area Foster Closet came and visited with council about their current needs as an organization and the possibility of using some of Zion's space to store items needed by foster families.
- Pastor Jim will be gone September 28—October 2; Melissa Zastrow will pulpit supply on Sunday, October 1. She has been authorized to preside over communion by the Bishop.
- Safe Haven training will be provided to Sunday School teachers, co-teachers, and helpers on Sunday, Oct. 15.

Special Offering for October is Aspire!

Aspire provides residential services to approximately 150 people. Some people are supported in their own homes and apartments, while others are supported in one of our eight certified residential facilities.

For all participants, our nursing staff provides health education and opportunities for a healthy lifestyle. As needed, we also maintain medical records, assist with medical appointments, and assist during emergency medical situations. We assist in:

- *Life skills - cooking, cleaning
- *Personal needs - personal hygiene, medication distribution, safety
- *Community resources - shopping, transportation
- *Personal finances - money management
- *Social skills - recreation, building relationships, and leisure

Thank you for your donations!

LuMin Update



October brings about Homecoming on campus, seasonal color changes and the beginning of holiday preparations. Although some people may be excited for the season, others are struggling with stress, sadness, loneliness, and isolation. College students are not immune to this struggle; in fact, October also brings mid terms, project due dates, and finals.

In support of each other through the challenging season, throughout October we will be centering on our emotional wellness; campus-wide, we will be participating in the events of Mental Health awareness week October 23-27th. Activities and study will focus on coping skills and self care.

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 activities, please contact us at northernlumin@gmail.com

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 of visiting some of our regular older folks 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

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 Tolvsstad
Verneda Wolff

Minnesota

LeRoy Buechler

California

Erna Schmierer

Aberdeen Health & Rehab

Milbert Dais



Grateful For You

- ☺ Thanks to the Ryan & Kelli Bretsch family for painting and decorating the Kindergarten Sunday school classroom.
- ☺ Thanks to all who helped in any way to make the Fall Bazaar a success. Pictures will follow in next month's newsletter.
- ☺ Thanks to anyone who sent in their pictures with flat Jesus over the summer. We loved being able to see where he traveled!

No Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on **Sunday, October 8** in observance of the Native American holiday weekend. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, October 15 at 10:15 AM.



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.

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 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! Orders will be ready for pickup on Sunday, October 22.



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.



Freezer Meal Prep

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. Please plan to attend to help us prepare these meals for our outreach ministry, and bring a friend with you!



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

Stewardship Update

Members of Zion,

I feel so blessed I was given the opportunity to visit with you, my faith family. Thank you!

The topic I am talking about today is stewardship!

When we hear the word stewardship in a church setting, we mostly think of money. Yes, that is true. Money is a necessity to take care of the day-to-day obligations to take care of God's house. We all need to answer this question: "How much am I able to contribute to my church?" Pray about this, and let God help you decide.

However, that is not the only kind of stewardship. Time is also a gift we can and should give to help the church. We all have some God-given talents that we can share. A time and talent sheet has been inserted in the bulletins for the past few weeks. I hope you have taken time to really look at it. It is a list of all areas in Zion's ministry that need your help. These are opportunities for us to share our time and gifts in service to God. Whether it be music, teaching, reading, visiting the homebound, quilting, prayer shawls, card making, or any of the committees, volunteering is a great time to connect with other members and have great fellowship. Volunteering is both meaningful personally and essential to Zion's ministry. We need you!

Personally, I am part of the Welcome & Outreach, Fellowship, card making, serving at funerals and whatever else I am called upon to do (like writing this letter). I have made friends and feel like I am doing something worthwhile. Please pray about volunteering, and let God guide you.

God Bless You!
Norma Nielsen



Trunk or Treat

The Zion Faith Formation Committee will once again be hosting a Trunk or Treat event at the end of October. The event will be held on Sunday, October 29 from 2-4 PM, with desserts and drinks being served for a free will donation.

The committee is looking for donations of candy to be given out at the event, along with cookies or bars to be distributed during the dessert time.

There will also be a sign-up for those who would like to host a vehicle during the event.

To sign up to host a vehicle or bring desserts, please see the table in front of the Sunday School bulletin board in the fellowship hall by Friday, October 27. All candy donations can be left on this table, as well (no need to sign up to bring candy). Donations should be brought to the church by Sunday the 29th at noon.

Faith and Family



ELCA Youth Gathering Participants

LAST CALL for any youth currently in grades 8-12 who are interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer! Registration is currently open and needs to be submitted by November.

If you need more information or would like to register, please contact Sandra.

Bible Presentations

On Sunday, October 15, 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 15, as well.

The 2nd grade Bibles are currently available to sign by congregation members through the morning of the 15th. Please take a moment to underline or highlight your favorite Bible verses!



BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
DURING WORSHIP

3 year olds receive
a Storybook Bible

2nd graders receive
an Adventure Bible

Youth Rummage Sale

Plans are in the works for a youth rummage sale to be held on **Saturday, November 4 from 8 AM—12 PM**. All proceeds benefit the Zion youth.

If you would like to bring items to donate to the rummage sale, you can start bringing items the week of October 30. Please no electronics or adult clothing. As you are cleaning and organizing before winter, keep us in mind!

**YOUTH
RUMMAGE
SALE**

2023 Confirmation Sunday



October 29, 2023
9:00 AM

Confirmation Sunday

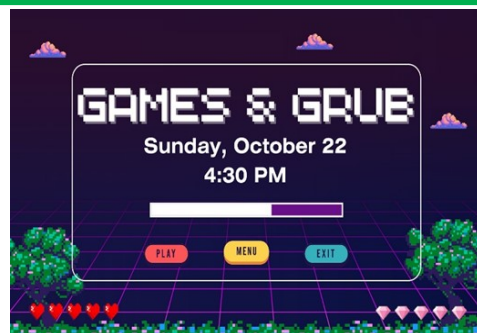
On **Sunday, October 29 at 9:00 AM**, we are excited to be able to celebrate our three Zion youth who are affirming their baptisms during worship that morning!

That Sunday is also Reformation Sunday, so we encourage you to wear red, as well. Please plan to attend and celebrate with our confirmands!

Games & Grub

Join us for an evening of food and fun! Meet at Zion at 4:30 PM on Sunday, October 22nd; we'll make a main course and dessert together (appetizers will be provided), and then enjoy an evening of games and fellowship! Open to middle and high school youth (grades 6-12)—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.



Faith and Family

HAUNTED WAREHOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
MEET AT ZION AT 5:00 PM



Haunted Warehouse

Join us for a night of fellowship and fright as we travel to the Haunted Warehouse in Bristol! Meet at Zion at 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 28; we'll eat supper together and then road trip to Bristol, tour the Haunted Warehouse, and make our way home. Cost is \$5 to help cover the entrance fee; the Youth Committee will pay the rest. Open to middle and high school youth (grades 6-12)—bring a friend!

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 40 Beef corn maze outside of Pierpont. Once the maze is complete, 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.



Confirmation Corner

Classes start for current 7th & 8th grade students on **Wednesday, October 4 @ 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall**. If you haven't already met with Sandra about confirmation requirements, please contact her to set up a meeting.

There will be rehearsal for 10th grade confirmation students on **Saturday, October 28 @ 10:00 AM** before the confirmation service on Sunday.

There will be a confirmation meeting for current 9th grade students on **Sunday, November 12 at 11:00 AM**. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend!

First Sundays

Join us for a time of fellowship, service, faith, and fun! Come as you are, and join in when you can!

Fall dates for First Sundays are:

October 1 (It's Fall, Y'all event)
November 5
December 3

Meet in the youth room at 3:00 PM. Open to middle and high school youth—bring a friend!



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Staff

Pastor Jim Holthus.....Interim Pastor
Saundra Anderson.....Pastoral Assistant
Donna Steckler.....Business Manager
Sonya Kempf.....Director of Music
Sue Gates.....Assistant Director of Music
Stephanie HawkinsonPraise Band Director
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 AlbrechtTreasurer
Brent Stanek.....Secretary

Council Representatives:

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

Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

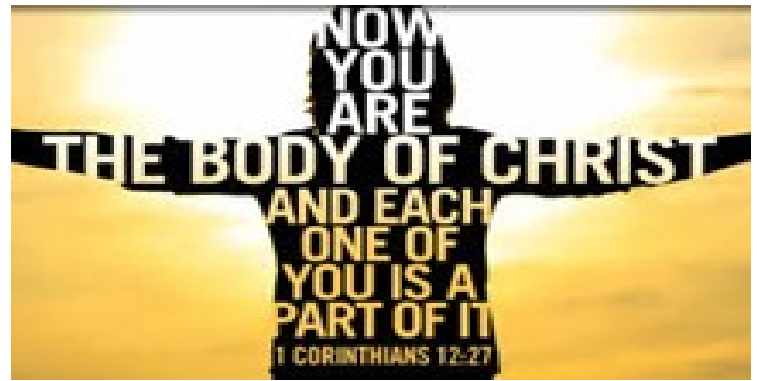
If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday!

Open Sundays left this year include:

December 3, 10, 17

THANK YOU to all who have sponsored a radio broadcast this year!

Become A Sponsor!



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

THROUGH September, 28 2023

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$27,500.00
Actual Sept. Income: \$20,450.00 (thru 9/28)
Actual Sept. Expenses: \$25,173.00 (thru 9/28)

ZION MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Joey Kusler
Jeanne Dell
Margie Berndt
Frieda Gochring
Edna Wagner
Kent Johnsen
Kent Johnsen

For:

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From:

Gladys Melcher
Gladys Melcher
Gladys Melcher
Gladys Melcher
Gladys Melcher
Carmel Heyd
Loren/April Nehlich



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

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

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| 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 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**

Thank You!

Thanks so much to Millie Suchomel, Ed Suchomel, Kevin Nehlich, Wayne & Theresa Nehlich & Mike Bretsch for making all the kuchen for the Fall bazaar. Special thanks to Ed & Millie for donating all the ingredients for the kuchen, as well.



Thank You!

We would like to share a special thanks to our quilters who placed their beautiful homemade quilts on all the pews for members to purchase ahead of the Fall Bazaar. Thank you for all the hard work you put in each week to make these quilts for purchase or donation!

Left: Norma Miller &
Elaine Schumacher
Right: Glenn Denning



THANK YOU!

The Organ Committee would like to thank all of our Sisters and Brothers in Christ for assisting us in making the Fall Tea happen! We are proud of our congregational family for sharing their time and talents so that our church doors could be opened to our community. Events like this are important to the continued growth of our congregation.

Thanks again for your support!

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 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!



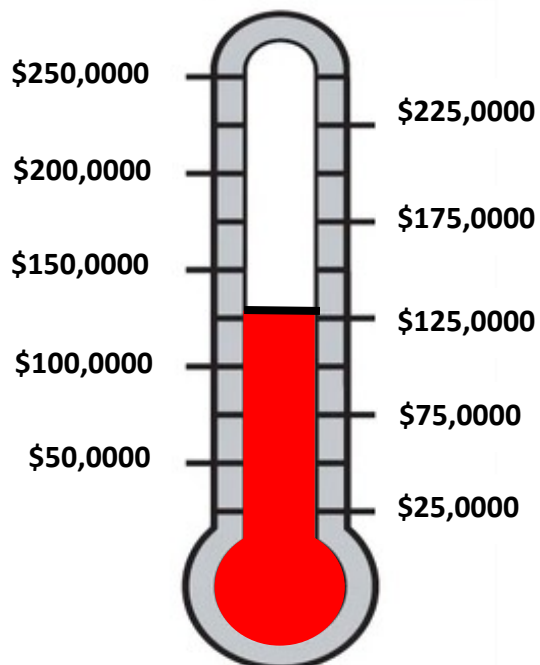
Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$117,127.77

Unpaid pledges - \$29,547.56

Total project funds - \$146,675.33

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



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$103,324.67

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship Opportunity

On Wednesday, October 25 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

YouTube: bit.ly/ZLCYouTube

Facebook: facebook.com/ZionAberdeen

Facebook: facebook.com/zlcaberdeenyouth

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

Happenings at Zion



Happy Birthday, PJ!

Thanks to all who came to celebrate Pastor Jim's birthday with us on Sunday during fellowship and on Tuesday afternoon. He was pleasantly surprised!



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 next drive up donuts event will be held on Wednesday, October 25 from 7:30-8:00 AM. This event will be open to kids of all ages (and any parents or adults who are chauffeuring)!



Fall Kickoff Sunday

We had an incredible time celebrating on Fall Kickoff Sunday! The day started with worship, Blessing of the Backpacks, and installation of Sunday School teachers. Then, we welcomed all of the children back for the first day of Sunday School and had fellowship time with pancakes sponsored by the Men's Group. Thank you to all who came and to those who worked so hard to organize, set up, serve, and tear down!



Wood Round Fundraiser

The Youth committee will be selling wood rounds as a fundraiser. Proceeds from the sales will be used for youth programming. Sales will run from October 1- 22. All signs will be made and ready for pickup by Sunday, November 5, just in time to decorate for fall and Christmas! There will be different designs which will be customized with your last name, so you will be able to choose what you would like, including size! To order, complete an order form on the table in the narthex.

