

NOVEMBER 2023

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Pastoral Candidate Visit

We have some exciting news—Zion has a pastoral candidate that will be visiting soon! Council President Ed Suchomel and Call Committee Chair April Nehlich shared the news with the congregation on Sunday, October 22 at the end of the worship service. As Zion prepares for the visit, we want to say THANK YOU to the Call Committee for their diligent work and guidance to get us to this point!

Pastor Nicole Martin will be in town visiting Zion and the area from November 2-6. While she and her husband Richard are here, she will be meeting with various ministry teams, committees, the staff, and Church Council, as well

as attending worship on Sunday November 5. Following worship on the 5th, Pastor Nicole will be present during the fellowship hour to visit with those in attendance, answer questions, and get to know the congregation. Following fellowship time, there will be a potluck that begins at 11:00 AM. The Zion Women's group is providing roast beef for the event; please bring a dish to pass.

On the following Sunday, November 12, there will be a special congregational meeting at 10:30 AM in the fellowship hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to act upon the recommendation from the Zion Council and Zion Call Committee to extend a call to Pastor Nicole Martin as Zion's next full-time pastor. When voting members arrive for the meeting on November 12, they will be asked to sign in. A voting member is a confirmed member of Zion, and a quorum will need to be met (a quorum is 5% of confirmed members). When it is time to vote, members will receive a ballot to then cast their vote anonymously. The Zion Men's group will be serving breakfast following worship on the 12th, so you are encouraged to stay, enjoy some food and fellowship, and cast your vote!



October 2023 Council Highlights

- A motion was made and approved to change Church Council meetings to the third Sunday of each month at 10:30 AM.
- A representative from Stein Signs came and visited with Council to answer questions about the replacement of our Melgaard sign with a digital one. More information is to be collected before a final decision is made.
- The Call Committee met with Council and reported that they wanted to present a pastoral candidate for consideration as Zion's next pastor. The Council agreed to move forward with next steps.

Special Offering for November is SD Multicultural Ministries (Woyatan & Pine Ridge)!

The ministry at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center seeks to foster mutual trust, respect and understanding while addressing the deep poverty that exist. There are four main ministries that operate out of our building: baskets, cultural immersions, Lakota Job Corp, and children and youth.

Woyatan Lutheran Church in Rapid City is an emerging ministry of the ELCA. In Lakota "woyatan" means praise and thanks. At our church, we include parts of Native American spirituality to tell the Christian story. We offer clothing, feeding, and discipleship programs, as well as a cancer care group, Fathers Against Meth, and re-entry programs for those who have been in prison.

Thank you for your donations!

LuMin Update



Ahhh November! While recovering from Halloween and prepping for Thanksgiving, what a better time to focus on physical wellness! As we discover and study Mathew chapter 6, we'll talk about not only what is good for us but what we treasure and what brings balance to our lives.

This will be our last full month of activities for the semester. Tuesday Tabling continues, and we will gather for Dwell Differently at Dempsey's the 1st Thursday (November 2nd). In addition this month, we will host Grocery Bingo November 16th and Thanks-Mas worship service on campus November 30th.

Thank you all for your support, and 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 has a good small group of people who regularly visit the seniors and shut-ins and even brings them Holy Communion! Have you ever considered checking this group out? Join us on Sunday, November 12 after the special congregational meeting, in Classrooms A&B. Our Visitation Committee is meeting, and some new folks are already planning on being there to learn what it's about. *If you like to talk with people, we can use you!*



ZION HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Bethesda Home

Ben Schroeder
Carol Knispel
Jane Fischer
Esther Ottenbacher
Joyce Mentzer

Meadowbrooke Ct

Frances Wolff

Mother Joseph

Lois Sollie

Milbank-Avantara

Marge Rhodes

Bethesda Town Sq.

Meta Vetter
Shirley Wagemann
Viola Tetherow
Lorraine Kusler

Nano Nagle

Jo Tolvstad
Verneda Wolff

Derian Lodge

LaVon Elsen

California

Erna Schmierer



Grateful For You

- ☺ Thank you to Sandra for lettering the paraments for Reformation Sunday.
- ☺ Thank you to Mike Brumbaugh helping with the candelabras.
- ☺ Thanks to Art for cleaning up the outside planters.
- ☺ Thank you to Ryan Bretsch for clearing the Fellowship Hall after Table of Plenty.
- ☺ Thank you to Judy Albl for making the Altar paraments for Reformation Sunday.
- ☺ Thank you to Kathy Brumbaugh and JoAnn Heiser for cleaning out the prayer shawl yarn.

Meeting Change

The December Altar Guild Meeting was scheduled on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 10:15, which is the same time as the Children's Christmas program.

Altar Guild will now meet on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 10:15 AM.

NOISY OFFERING

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.



Advent Decorating

The Christmas season is almost upon us! We will be decorating our building in celebration of Advent & Christmas on Sunday, November 26 at 10:30 AM.

We are looking for volunteers of all ages who are willing to help put up trees, wreathes, nativity sets, etc.



In the Works

Plans are in the works for Christmas Eve worship services. As soon as details are finalized, we will share this information with you through the announcements, social media, and the December newsletter!

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 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!



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.

Happenings at Zion

Stewardship Update

Dear Friends in Christ,

I feel honored to be writing to you at this time. Thank you. How we live out our faith today, impacts what our faith in Christ will look like in the future. Is how we live our faith sustainable? One definition of sustainability is: Fulfilling the needs of the current generation without compromising the needs of future generations. Is our faith sustainable? How do we, as a congregation, currently meet the needs of our faith while considering how we may change to meet the spiritual needs of those who will become members of our faith community in the future? How do we also continue to nurture the faith in youth who have been raised at Zion and choose to return as adults?

Already this year, we have begun to witness Zion youth returning as adults, in the baptismal celebrations of their children. How wonderful to witness! So, is our faith sustainable? Absolutely! We are a congregation rooted in our faith, providing opportunities for service that sustains us now and opens us up to where the Spirit may lead us, in the future. I would invite all to attend a Church Council meeting to learn more about how our ministries are moving forward to a sustainable future for Zion's congregation. Council meetings are the third Sunday of the month at 10:30 in Classrooms A & B. Next meeting is November 19, 2023.



God Bless you,
Kathy Heffernan

Fall Bazaar Report

We would like to thank the members of Zion for making our 2023 Fall Bazaar a success. We made a total income of \$6,338.00. Expenses were \$700.00 for a net income of \$5,638.00. Thank you from the Women's Exec. Board. The booth totals are as follows:

* Kids Corner	\$	36.00
* Hobby Lobby		828.00
* Kuchen Corner		1,817.00
* Bake Sale		318.00
* Quilt Raffle		483.00
* Dining Room		1,665.00
* Donations		145.00
* Grandma's Treasurer		487.00
* Silent Auction		127.00
* Fall Harvest		<u>432.00</u>
	\$	6,338.00

2023 Bazaar Expenses

* The Insider	\$	600.00
* Youth tear down		<u>100.00</u>
	\$	700.00
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Net Income	\$	5,638.00



Quilt winner Gladys Melcher with the quilt that she won at the Bazaar made by Wilma Zimmerman.

Bible Study Continues

Pastor Jim is doing an Introduction to the Old Testament this fall, and we are walking through the Old Testament. In November we'll study the Judges, King David, the prophets and more! Join us on Thursdays at noon in the Classrooms A&B. *Due to the Milbert Dais funeral, there will be no Bible study on November 2.* Classes end on Thursday, November 16 for the fall.

Happenings at Zion

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.



Games & Grub

On Sundays September 24 and October 22, middle and high school youth met together for a time of food and fellowship! Meals of tater tot hotdish and sides and pizza sliders and sides were prepared by the youth, and different varieties of games were enjoyed together.



Time and Talent Questionnaires

Thanks to all who took time to fill out the surveys. We are sorting them and determining which committees should use the results. What we hope to do as the Church Council is match the gifts of our congregational members with the appropriate ministry team. You may be contacted in the next few months to see if you would consider exploring the appropriate team for the gifts you shared on the Time and Talent sheet. Please consider committing just a year in this area to help out our church and to see if this area of ministry is something you enjoy and are excited about!

Sometimes we pastors (and church leaders) forget about the connection between the words Inform, Invite, and Include! Sometimes, I let people know things by just announcing stuff like, "Bible Study Thursdays over the lunch hour!" and think that's all I have to do, since I've *informed* everyone what is happening and then I assume people will appear. However, after *informing* people, the next step is to *invite* them to take part by a personal conversation, and that's where I think all of us sometimes fall down. A personal invitation of "Hey, I'm leading a Bible study on the Old Testament, and I'd really like you to consider coming and checking it out!" is every important—it goes lots further than just *informing*. And the last step of *including* people in our groups and conversations is possibly the final key thing we can do better. I'm thinking of new members, as one example. We've welcomed them when they joined, but have we included them and asked them to sit with us during coffee and be part of our conversations? Please put yourself in their place, and remember when you were the new person and people reached out to you and included you!

-Pastor Jim

Faith and Family



Bible Presentations

Congratulations to our second and third graders who received new Adventure Bibles during worship on October 15: Luna Mathiason, Hudson Bretsch, and Dominic Kolb.

As we have made changes to our Bible faith milestone, if your child is in grades 3-5 and would like one of the new Adventure Bibles, please contact Sandra. We will be using these throughout the Sunday School year and through new faith milestones that will be offered later this year.

Freezer Meal Prep

Zion offered a freezer meal prep event on Sunday, October 1 as part of the God's Work Our Hands celebration. Almost thirty meals were made by the group of volunteers.

Thank you for your willingness to share God's love through this outreach ministry!



Confirmation Corner

- Classes go through Wednesday, November 15th for current 7th & 8th grade students on **Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM in Classrooms A&B.**
- There will be a confirmation meeting for current 9th grade students on **Sunday, November 19 at 11:00 AM** in the fellowship hall. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend! ***NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE***

Tree of Saints

Again this year, our youth will be putting up a Tree of Saints to remember all of our loved ones during this holiday season.

Ornaments are \$5 each and will be customized with your loved one's name; they then will be placed on the Tree of Saints at the back of the sanctuary and will be displayed through the Christmas season.

Sales will start Sunday, November 26th and go through Sunday, December 17th. Ornaments will be angels. All proceeds from the ornament sales benefit the youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering.



Youth Rummage Sale

There will be a youth rummage sale on **Saturday, November 4 from 8 AM—12 PM.** All proceeds benefit Zion youth programming, including those attending the ELCA Youth Gathering.

If you would like to bring items to donate to the rummage sale, you can bring items through Friday the 1st and leave them in Classroom C. Please no electronics or adult clothing. The women will also be serving caramel rolls for breakfast on the morning of the event.

**YOUTH
RUMMAGE
SALE**



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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

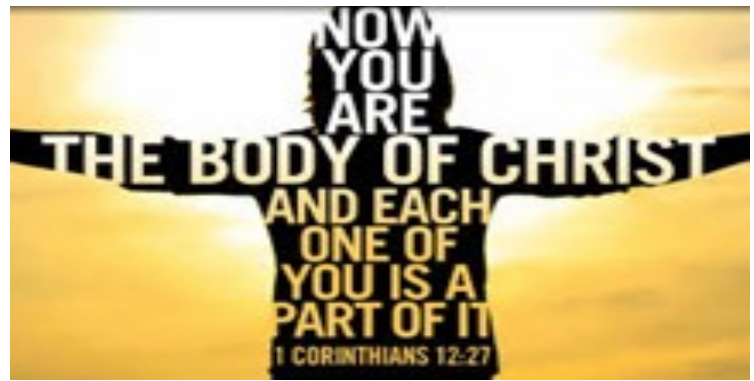
If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday!

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Open Sundays left this year include:
December 3, 10

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 October, 29 2023

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$27,500.00
 Actual Oct. Income: \$27,608.00
 Actual Oct. Expenses: \$26,142.00

ZION MEMORIALS

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Myron Walth	Altar Guild	Carmel Heyd
Bruce Carson	Organ	Gwen Carson
Beth Anne Carson	Organ	Gwen Carson
Myron Walth	Altar Guild	LaVern Albrecht
Myron Walth	Organ	Ray\Marcie Andersh
Myron Walth	Organ	Fred Rist
Evangeline Solsaa	Organ	Gladys Melcher
Kathleen Y Harmel	Organ	Gladys Melcher
Kent Johnsen	Organ	Gladys Melcher
Ervin Wagner	Organ	Gladys Melcher
Myron Walth	Altar Guild	Wilma Zimmerman
Myron Walth	Altar Guild	Rose Wiedrich
Myron Walth	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Kent Johnsen	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf

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 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**



Holy Baptism

On Sunday, October 15, we welcomed Hank James Baloun into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism.

Hank was baptized at the 9:00 service by Pastor Jim. Hank is the son of Cole and Abigail (Fischbach) Baloun.

It's Fall, Y'all Event

We had over twenty youth from Zion, Good Shepherd, and St. John's participate in the It's Fall, Y'all event on Sunday, October 1. We went out to Pierpont to the Back Forty Beef Adventure and enjoyed the corn mazes, straw slide, basketball, corn silo, and all the fun activities they had planned. We then returned to Zion for a soup supper and some fellowship time together.



Zion Thankoffering Service

Zion Thankoffering service will be held on Sunday November 12. The envelopes for the special offering will be handed out on Sunday, November 5 and again on Sunday, November 12. This special offering will be collected in a quilt at the front of the church. The money collected will be given to the Salvation Army Snack Pack Program for children. All monies designated in church envelopes remain church offerings and loose offering and special envelopes will go toward this special offering.

There are about 646 snack packs sent home on weekends with children so they have something to eat on the weekend. Many students hide the snack packs from other family members or they would not get the food.

It's surprising to hear that we have so many that struggle with food insecurities in our community. Please keep these families in your prayers as you decide on the amount of your gift.



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.

Take a minute to look at the board for updated names!



Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$120,722.33
Unpaid pledges - \$28,340.70
Total project funds - \$149,063.03

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



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$100,936.97

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship Opportunity

On Wednesday, November 29 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)

Faith and Family

Giving Thanks Event

As a way to give back to our community, the middle and high school youth will hold a Giving Thanks event on Sunday, November 19th at 2:00 PM. We will be making treat bags and cards to take to our essential workers and shut-ins. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us as we celebrate all we have to be thankful for!

A graphic for the Giving Thanks event featuring a background of autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. A central white box contains the text.

GIVING THANKS MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL Youth Service Project

Sunday, November 19 | 2:00 PM
Zion Kitchen

We will be making treat bags and cards to deliver to our essential workers and shut-ins

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 at either church, drive up to the table, and a helper will hand you donuts and a devotion that you can enjoy on your way to school or work. The next Drive Up Donuts event will be held on **Wednesday, November 29 from 7:30-8:00 AM.**

A graphic for the Freezer Meal Fundraiser. It features a background of autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The text "FREEZER MEAL FUNDRAISER" is written in large, bold, black letters with a white outline.

FREEZER MEAL FUNDRAISER

Freezer Meal Fundraiser

The busy holiday season is quickly approaching—let us cook for you! The youth are selling homemade freezer meals of chicken alfredo, pizza bake, and soup for you to take home to serve your hungry guests. Simply thaw and bake for an easy meal to feed a crowd! Sales run through Sunday, November 12, and meals will be ready for pickup on Sunday, November 19 after worship.

Cost is \$20 a casserole and \$10 for soup, and each meal also includes a side of garlic toast. To purchase, please stop at the table in the narthex or call the church office.

First Sundays

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

Dates for First Sundays are: November 5 & December 3

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

A graphic for the No Sunday School announcement. It features a dark brown background with a pattern of autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The text "NO SUNDAY SCHOOL" is written in large, bold, white letters.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on **Sunday, November 26** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, December 3 at 10:30 AM.