

Announcements for February 25, 2024

Leading Worship Today (9:00 AM):

Preaching: Reverend Nicole Martin

Worship Assistant: Mike Bretsch

Lector: Harper & Hudson Bretsch

Sound: Kathy Heffernan

PowerPoint: Shelley Fischbach

Communion Servers: Kathy Johnson; Brent Stanek

Ushers: Joel & Jane Albrecht; Norma Miller

Praise Band: Stephanie Hawkinson, Stacy Geffre, Phyllis Gab, Garry Johnson, Vicki Carlson, Mike German, Cadynce German, Rhonda Strouckel

Zion Worship Opportunities

Winter 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 starting again in January.

ZION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ed Suchomel – 380-6375

Chastity Madsen – 252-0523

April Nehlich – 380-6284

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

Zion's Radio Broadcast is heard each week at 9:00 am on **KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM)**. Today's broadcast is sponsored by Tom & Marie Bretsch in celebration of our grandson Harper's 12th birthday on February 29th and in memory of his great great grandma Ursula who also shares that leap year birthdate!

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 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.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERING is Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. We believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. Thanks for supporting their work!

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.

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 Pastor Nicole or Pastoral Assistant Sandra 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.

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

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

KESSLER'S & KEN'S RECEIPTS—We will again be collecting Ken's and Kessler's receipts. These receipts will be donated to the Bethesda Learning Academy, as we are a partner congregation in their organization. Receipts have to be collected for and donated to an established school or preschool. Receipts can be dated from August 15, 2023 - May 31, 2024. Thank you for your donations in support!

SCHOLARSHIP FUND —Each year, the Education committee awards two scholarships, and our funding for these scholarship awards is low. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, please do so in the church office.

STOCKHOLDER FUNDRAISER—Cadynce German, who is attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in July, is selling stock in her trip! Each \$25 donated will give you 1 stock in Cadynce and a seat at our Stockholders Dinner that will be held after the end of our trip. To purchase stock, please stop at the table in the narthex on

Sunday mornings or talk to Sandra. Cash, check, and Venmo accepted! Donations of other amounts gladly accepted; however, no stock will be issued (which means no seat at the dinner). Please consider a donation to support Cadynce and her mission work and faith formation!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES - Join us on Wednesday, February 21st for midweek Lenten worship that focuses on "Gratitude". Service times are 12:15 PM and 6:05 PM, with a meal served before each service (11:30 AM and 5:15 PM). Next week's meal is sponsored by the Women and will be tater tot hotdish and dessert.

TABLE OF PLENTY – The next Table of Plenty meal will be served on Monday, February 26th from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Zion fellowship hall. The meal is sponsored by VanLaecken Orthodontics and will be chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, and dessert. We hope to see you there for some delicious food and fellowship together!

If you know of anyone wishing to sponsor a meal, please have them contact the church office.

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER - Our next progressive supper will be on **Sunday, February 25th**. Open to middle and high school youth. **Bring a friend!** We will meet at Zion at 4:30 pm, and we will take the church van to our different locations. Kids will be returned for pick-up or can be dropped off at home after the event upon request.

If you would be willing to host portion of a progressive supper (appetizers, dinner, dessert), please contact Sandra - even if you've hosted before and are willing to do it again! If you do not want to host in your home, you are more than welcome to at the church.

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

Winter/Spring dates for First Sundays are: • **March 3 • April 7 • May 5.** Meet in the youth room at 3:00 PM. Open to middle and high school youth - bring a friend!

MINNESOTA TWINS DAY TRIP – Bethlehem is inviting us to join them on Saturday, June 15th for the Twins vs. Oakland A's game. Game time is 1:10 PM. The cost is \$80.00 per person and includes, transportation, ticket, & snacks on the bus. Bus will leave Bethlehem early Saturday morning. Space is limited and filling up fast. If you are interested in joining them, contact Stan Jung @ 225-9740 or let Sandra know.

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:** Keith Heinrich, Leonard Berger, Gwen Heyd, Norma Nielsen, Lois Leicht, Bob Mentzer, Joyce Mentzer, Judy Hook

*** For those diagnosed with cancer or other long-term illness:** Jerry Gab, Ken Cordingley, Barb Gardner, Esther Ottenbacher, Greg Hanson, Kathy Johnson

Zion Calendar

SUNDAY - February 25

9:00 AM Worship with HVC
10:00 AM Fellowship Time
10:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Church Council mtg.
4:30 PM MS & HS Progressive supper

MONDAY – February 26

1:00 PM Quilters
5:30 PM Table of Plenty Meal
7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous

TUESDAY – February 27

10:00 AM Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY – February 28

7:30 AM Drive up Donuts

11:30 AM & 5:15 PM – Meals

12:15 & 6:05 PM Lenten Worship

6:45 PM 7th & 8th grade confirmation

8:00 PM AA @ Zion

8:00 PM Men's Fellowship

THURSDAY – February 29

1:00 PM Quilters

SUNDAY – March 3

9:00 AM Worship with H\C

10:00 AM Fellowship Time with Men's breakfast

10:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Mission & Outreach committee

11:00 AM Education Committee

3:00 PM First Sundays