

## Announcements for March 17, 2024

### **Leading Worship Today (9:00 AM):**

**Preaching:** Reverend Nicole Martin

**Worship Assistant:** Phyllis Gab

**Lector:** Judy Albl

**Sound:** Zach Anderson

**PowerPoint:** Wanda Wagemann

**Communion:** Steve Ottenbacher; Garry Johnson

**Ushers:** Lyle & Lois Chapin; Leonard Berger

**Piano:** Sue Gates

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### **Zion Worship Opportunities**

**Spring 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 each Sunday morning worship service.

### **ZION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Ed Suchomel – 380-6375

Chastity Madsen – 252-0523

April Nehlich – 380-6284

Joel Albrecht – 226-2853

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### **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 9:00 am on **KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM)**. Today's broadcast is sponsored by Carmel Heyd in memory of her husband, Ron, whose birthday would have been March 17<sup>th</sup>, and to the glory of God!

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.

**MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING** is SDSU Campus Ministry. Campus Ministry reaches out to all who teach and learn, inviting them to experience the challenge of following Jesus on the Way. Campus Ministry is both faithful to a rich theological tradition and driven by the challenges of the contemporary university. 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](mailto:zion@nvc.net).

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**WITH TWO HOSPITALS – PLEASE CONTACT US:** Sanford & Avera (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](http://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!

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES** - Join us on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 / 5:15 PM).

**MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL** – There will be a Maundy Thursday meal for everyone on **Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM** before Maundy Thursday Worship at **6:05 PM**. Please make plans to join us for the meal and enjoy a time fellowship with our first communion students. A free will offering will be collected.

**FIRST COMMUNION** – Zion Is celebrating First Communion for our youth. The Faith Milestone will be during **the Maundy Thursday service at 6:05 PM on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Class will be held on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> following evening worship, and there will be Communion

bread baking on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. If you are curious what this means for your child, please see Pastor Nicole.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** - There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**PROGRESSIVE SUPPER & ESCAPE ROOM** - We're having our monthly progressive supper with a twist! **On Sunday, March 24, meet at Zion @ 4:15 PM.** We will then be traveling up Main Street to Unravel to see if we can find the hidden treasure in their Midst Adventure escape room! After, we will be traveling to the VanderWeysts for supper. This event is open to middle and high school youth (grades 6-12) – bring a friend!

To be sure we have enough room in the escape room, please let Sandra know by **Friday, March 22** if you plan to attend.

**EASTER FLOWERS** - Easter is Sunday, March 31, and our sanctuary always looks so beautiful filled with spring flowers! Please consider purchasing a spring flower during the week of March 24<sup>th</sup>, and bring it to the church anytime that week for display on Easter Sunday. You can take it home with you after Easter worship if you wish. (Please no lilies due to severe allergies in our congregation.)

If you wish your plant to be in memory or in honor of someone please attach a note to your plant. Let's celebrate Christ's resurrection by beautifying our sanctuary!

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** – This Lent our focus is on gratitude and generosity as a faithful response to God. In your Sunday and Wednesday bulletins, you will see a purple insert that will give you lessons for the season. If you haven't already, we encourage you to take this page home and use it as a faith formation tool. Each lesson has a scripture focus, a topic for reflection, and a suggested prayer. There is also a column for charity with opportunities for you to live

generously this season. One of the options you can choose to do is donate items to any of the five partner organizations Mission and Outreach has selected for this season of Lent. Their needs are listed on the back of the page. There are donation bins in the narthex where you can leave these donations, and the bins will be emptied and donated after Easter.

You can also find this Lenten faith formation document on our website:

[zionlutheranaberdeen.org/faith-formation/adult](https://zionlutheranaberdeen.org/faith-formation/adult)

**YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE** - Plans are in the works for a youth rummage sale to be held on **Saturday, April 6 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 April 1. Please no electronics or adult clothing. As you are cleaning and organizing after winter, keep us in mind!

**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION** - If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student or older, it's time to start thinking about summer options for camp! Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota offers three different locations with options to suit whatever interests you have!

If you are interested in applying for camp, please speak with Sandra as soon as possible so we can get you registered and discuss fundraising options. There are some scholarship funds available, as well!

If we have enough kids interested, we will attend the Explorers Camp at NeSoDak August 9-11 as a Zion group. If your 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade child (as of Fall 2024) is interested in going together, please reach out to Pastoral Assistant Sandra.

**Prices will go up on April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**TABLE OF PLENTY** – The next Table of Plenty meal will be served **on Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 PM** in the Zion fellowship hall. If you know of anyone wishing to sponsor a meal, please have them contact the church office.

**FLOWERS** – Thanks to the family of LaVina Meier for the arrangement of flowers in her memory from her funeral this past week.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** - We are getting ready to compose another rotation of worship volunteers for the summer. If you have been thinking about being involved in leading worship but haven't taken the next step, now would be a great time! If you are interested in worship assisting, lectoring, serving communion, doing PowerPoint, sound, ushering, or greeting, please visit with Sandra for more information. Those who indicated on their Time and Talent sheets an interest in one of these areas will be contacted.

**BETHESDA ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATES** - Bethesda's annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:00 PM via Zoom. As a sponsor church in their organization, we can send up to five delegates. If you are interested in this opportunity, please visit with Sandra by Easter Sunday.

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### **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:**  
Norma Nielsen, Lois Leicht, Bob Mentzer, Joyce Mentzer, Judy Hook, Sharon Paranto

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

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### **Zion Calendar**

#### **SUNDAY – March 17**

9:00 AM Worship with H\C  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
10:15 AM Altar Guild meeting in Classroom A&B  
10:30 AM Council meeting in the basement

#### **MONDAY – March 18**

1:00 PM Quilters  
7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous

#### **TUESDAY – March 19**

10:00 AM Staff meeting

#### **WEDNESDAY – March 20**

11:30 AM & 5:15 PM – Lent Meals  
12:15 & 6:05 PM Lenten Worship  
6:45 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class  
8:00 PM AA @ Zion

#### **THURSDAY – March 21**

1:00 PM Quilters  
6:30 PM LuMin in Kitchen

#### **SUNDAY – March 24**

9:00 AM Worship with H\C  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
4:15 PM Progressive Supper & Escape Room