

## Announcements for March 24, 2024

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

**Preaching:** Reverend Nicole Martin

**Worship Assistant:** Mike Bretsch

**Lector:** Harper Bretsch

**Sound:** Kathy Heffernan

**PowerPoint:** Shelley Fischbach

**Communion:** 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

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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

**Zion's Radio Broadcast** is heard each week at 9:00 am on **KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM)**. Half of today's broadcast is sponsored by Kathy Heffernan in memory of her parents Clayton & Jacky Ross who are together forever in Heaven. Half of today's broadcast is sponsored by Bernice Schock & Jeff/Victoria Carlson in memory of Walter Schock who left us on March 23, 1997 to be with our Lord and Savior. Thank you all for sponsoring today's broadcast in memory of your loved ones.

\$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.

**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; 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 with proceeds to go towards boiler repair.

**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>**. There will be Communion bread baking on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**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! TODAY, 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!

**If weather doesn't cooperate, we will postpone to another day TBD.**

**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. You can find the Lenten faith formation document on our website:

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

One of the options is donating items to any of the five partner organizations Mission and Outreach has selected for this season of Lent. Thanks for your donations to these organizations. The last day to drop off donations is Easter Sunday.

**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.

**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, lecturing, 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.

**MS & HS FIRST SUNDAYS--** Join us for a time of fellowship, service, faith, and fun! Come as you are and join in when you can! First Sundays on April 7 will be at 10:30 AM in conjunction with the bandage rolling service project following worship. Come hear about the healing promises made during baptism, and help live these promises as we take care of our brothers and sisters in need!

**BAZAAR KUCHEN BAKING –** The Fall Bazaar is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

We need several volunteers - at least (15-20 people) to make kuchen baking possible. Millie can no longer take the lead. She may be there for instructional purposes only. Kuchen baking will be Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00.

Our Kuchen is a big draw for the bazaar and it will take many hands to make this possible. If you can help on Friday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, call Millie @ 380-6373 or Carmel @ 229-1360, or call the church office at 225-6755. No experience necessary!

**ZION SCHOLARSHIPS -** Zion will once again award two \$350 scholarships for the upcoming academic year. See the application for full instructions. Printed applications are now available in the fellowship hall. Completed applications should be returned to the church no later than April 19, 2024 at 12:00 PM or emailed to Pastoral Assistant Sandra at:

[Sandra.Anderson@nvc.net](mailto:Sandra.Anderson@nvc.net)

You will also be able to find the application on our website at

[zionlutheranaberdeen.org/signupcentral](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org/signupcentral)

**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, March 27 from 7:30-8:00 AM.

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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:**  
Jim Hook, Joyce Mentzer

**\* For those with long-term care needs:** Kathy Johnson, Jerry Gab, Lois Leicht, Ken Cordingley, Barb Gardner, Esther Ottenbacher, Norma Nielsen, Sharon Paranto

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### **Zion Calendar**

#### **SUNDAY - March 24**

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

#### **MONDAY – March 25**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY – March 27**

7:30 AM Drive Up Donuts  
6:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Communion bread making  
and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation  
8:00 PM Men's Fellowship  
8:00 PM AA @ Zion

#### **THURSDAY – March 28**

##### **Maundy Thursday**

1:00 PM Quilters  
5:15 PM Supper

6:05 PM Maundy Thursday Worship with 1<sup>st</sup>  
Communion

**FRIDAY – March 29**

**Good Friday**

12:00 PM Community GF Worship

@ Bethlehem

6:05 PM Good Friday Worship

**SUNDAY – March 31**

**EASTER SUNDAY!**

9:00 AM Worship with H\C