



MARCH 2024

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this; when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. (1 John 3.1-3))

Hear ye! Hear ye! May all the beautiful people of Zion Lutheran please rise! Yes, this means you. You are the beautiful person I am speaking to. Did you know you are amazing? If no one has told you lately, you are an amazing, wonderful, beautiful child of God. The waters of baptism have been poured over you and you shine brightly as God's beloved in this world. This is such very Good News courteous of the Messiah. For this we give much thanks and praise. Amen and Amen.

As Children of God we take pleasure and stand with honor in our title, giving God authority to lead us, guide as and develop us into what we are becoming. What are we becoming? Why, we are being and becoming the image of God's hands and feet in this world. This too is very Good News.

As part of the becoming, we can thank the church as it is a means (vehicle) for helping us grow into Christ, and this Lent we are thankful that we are coming together to explore the generosity of God, the story of life through Christ for us.

As part of this Lent journey and celebrating the generosity of God, the Mission and Outreach committee has provided several opportunities to help persons in need. You are invited to support the following organizations in anyway you see fit. There are suggestions below if needed. There are buckets in the narthex where supplies are being collected.

If none of these options fits the generous spirit of your hearts, may you be encouraged into boldness this season helping another in need.

Blessings to you this month. I look forward to seeing you in worship and on the mission field.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Martin

Safe Harbor: toilet paper, paper towels, baby wipes, tampons, 13-gallon garbage bags, twin or full bedding sets.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace: twin bedding and quilts.

Spurs: Farnam Fly Spray, Horse treats, mane and tail brushes, Lysol, toilet paper, paper towels, 5-gallon water buckets, hand soap.

Salvation Army: canned vegetables, soup, pasta sauce, cereal.

Aberdeen Area Foster Closet: diapers, Pull ups, basic need items (socks, underwear, toothpaste, wipes) Ziploc bags (quart and gallon).

February 2024 Council Highlights

- There was a hand railing installed on the upper stairs to the choir loft.
- The leaking radiator in the Sunday School classroom will be repaired.
- There will be windows installed in the office doors.
- There will be two additional lights installed on the north side of the building to help illuminate the parking lot.
- Additional information will be needed before going forward with a new digital sign on Melgaard road.

Special Offering for March is SDSU Campus Ministry!

Campus Ministry is both faithful to a rich theological tradition and driven by the challenges of the contemporary university.

Drawing on the Scriptures, Campus Ministry bears witness to God's amazing grace within the context of higher education. Sensitive to the pastoral needs of those on campus and engaged in the intellectual discourse of the university, Campus Ministry strives to communicate the Gospel in fresh ways.

Through worship, study, fellowship, and service, members of the academic community taste the fullness of God's grace. As expansive as Christ's love, Campus Ministry reaches out to all who teach and learn, inviting them to experience the challenge of following Jesus on the Way.

Website: www.sdsulutheran.org

**Thank you for
your donations!**

LuMin Update



It just so happens that the month Northern LuMin is exploring our Intellectual Wellness and what it means, it coincides with our monthly Dwell Differently verse where Jesus teaches the disciples how to be great. Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Like the disciples gaining insight and understanding on what it means to be "great", we will be gaining insight that our intellectual wellness doesn't come from thinking of ourselves but rather from recognizing our creative abilities in the development of skills, interests, culture, and community.

As we step outside ourselves and our comfort zones to broaden our understanding of the world around us, follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on our weekly devotions and events!



Men's Fellowship Opportunity

On Wednesday, March 27th 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!

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.

Shirley Wagemann
Viola Tetherow
Lorraine Kusler

Nano Nagle

Jo Tolvstad

Derian Lodge

LaVon Elsen

California

Erna Schmierer



Grateful For You

☺ Thank you to Glenn Denning for fixing the wooden cabinet door in the office.

☺ Thank you to Loren & April Nehlich for the very large box of chocolates for Valentines Day for the office. (We shared with all who came in).

☺ Thank you to Lenny Tietz for installing the balcony handrail.

☺ Thank you to all who hosted and will be hosting a Lenten Meal. They are enjoyed by all.

☺ Thank you to all of you who volunteer and help at Table of Plenty.



Confirmation Corner

- * 7th and 8th grade confirmation classes will take place every other Wednesday until April 10.
- * 9th grade students: we will be meeting in April to talk about your group service project and mentor meetings before summer.

Thank You!

On Thursday, February 8, the Youth Committee held a craft night fundraiser, where participants made double-sided "Happy Spring" and "Hoppy Easter" signs.

Thank you to all who came or bought a take-home kit. We appreciate your support!



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.



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.

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!

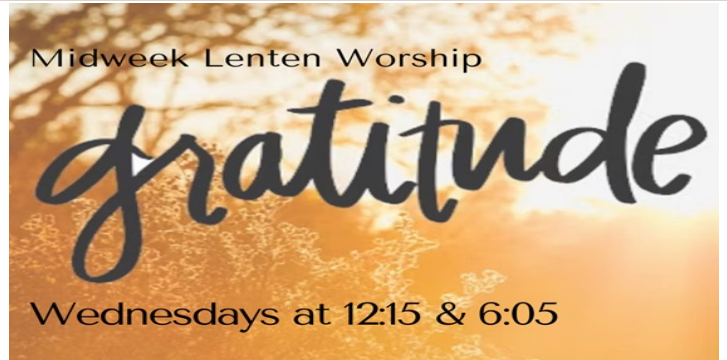
Our van ride service is available on Sunday mornings for the 9:00 AM worship service. If you would like a ride to worship, please call the church office at 225-6755 and talk to Donna.

Happenings at Zion

Midweek Lenten Services

Join us for midweek Lenten services that focus 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**).

Wednesday worship dates for March include:
March 6, 13, and 20.



Holy Week & Easter Services

Join us for services during Holy Week as we walk through the betrayal, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Holy Weeks starts with the **Palm Sunday service on March 24th at 9:00 AM**. The **Maundy Thursday service on March 28th at 6:05 PM** will also include First Communion for our students.

In addition to **Zion's Good Friday evening service at 6:05 PM**, there will be a **community Good Friday service held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at noon**. Holy Week concludes with a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus at **9:00 AM on Easter Sunday (March 31st)**.

First Communion



The celebration of First Communion for our will be during **the Maundy Thursday service at 6:05 PM on Thursday, March 28th**. Class will be held on Wednesday, March 20th following evening worship, and there will be Communion bread baking on Wednesday, March 27th.

Be looking for the letter that will be sent home with all the details. We are excited to celebrate this faith milestone with our youth!

Maundy Thursday Supper

There will be Maundy Thursday meal for everyone on **Thursday, March 28th at 5:15 PM** before Maundy Thursday Worship at **6:05 PM**. A free will offering will be collected.

Please make plans to join us for the meal and enjoy a time fellowship with our first communion students!



Happenings at Zion

Table of Plenty

The Table of Plenty community meal continues to be enjoyed by our community. Thank you to all who continue to support our efforts by enjoying the meal, serving, sponsoring, or through prayer. If you know of anyone wishing to sponsor a meal, please have them contact the church office.

Table of Plenty meal will be served on Monday **March 25th from 5:30-7:00 PM** in the Zion fellowship hall. We hope to see you there for some delicious food and fellowship together!



Freezer Meal Prep Day

The next freezer meal prep day will be on Sunday, March 10 following fellowship (approximately 10:30 AM).

Ingredient cards are in the narthex, and we would like ingredients to the church no later than **noon on Friday, March 8**. We could also use some help cooking that day.

Come join us for some fun, fellowship, and an opportunity to give back!

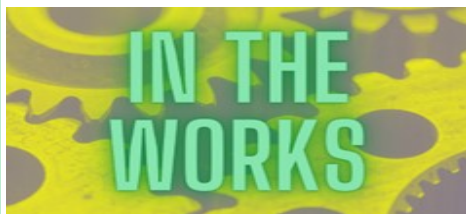


Youth Rummage Sale

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!



In the Works

The Education committee is working on plans for an intergenerational learning and service activity on Sunday, April 7 following worship and fellowship. Be sure to check next month's newsletter and upcoming bulletins for all the details!

No Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on either Sunday, March 10th or on Sunday, March 31st.



Faith and Family

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!

Progressive Supper and 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.



Summer Camp Registration

If you have a 3rd 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 3rd-6th grade child (as of Fall 2024) is interested in going together, please reach out to Pastoral Assistant Sandra.

Prices will go up on April 15th.



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Staff

Reverend Nicole Martin..... Pastor
Saundra Anderson..... Pastoral Assistant
Donna Steckler..... Business Manager
Sonya Kempf..... Director of Music
Sue Gates..... Assistant Director of Music
Stephanie Hawkinson Praise 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.

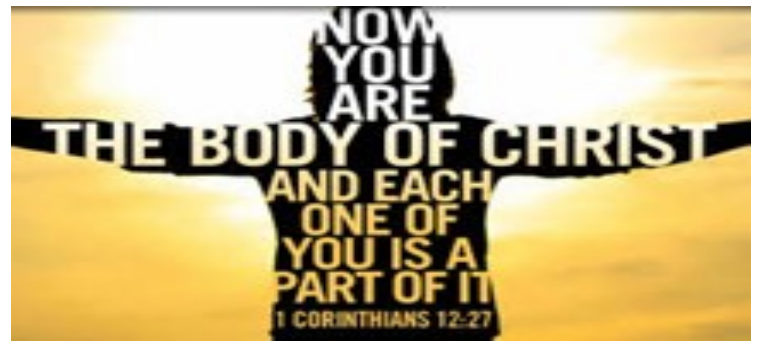
+ Zion opens her doors to singles, families, special needs, young and old, church and unchurched, welcoming all into the family of God.

Executive Committee:

Ed Suchomel..... President
Chastity Madsen..... Vice-President
Joel Albrecht Treasurer
April Nehlich..... Secretary

Council Representatives:

Jessica Moser..... Faith Formation
Ryan Bretsch Finance & Stewardship
Nicole Schutter..... Mission & Outreach
..... Welcome & Caring
Kathy Heffernan..... Worship & Music



Baby Shower

Join us on Sunday, March 10th at 10:15 AM as we celebrate the birth of Eloise Mae Anderson. If you'd like to bring a gift, she could use size 6 month or larger clothes and uses Huggies or Pampers or Target brand diapers (size 4 or larger). Come enjoy cake and snacks and meet Ellie.



Thrivent Action Team Grants

Are you a Thrivent member? You can organize a Thrivent Action Team to help Zion! Action Teams are small groups (including at least one Thrivent member) organized for service projects or fundraisers. Thrivent provides a \$250 debit card as seed money for supplies and other project needs. Learn more at thrivent.com or contact Pastoral Assistant Saundra for ideas on how your Action Team can help support our ministries here at Zion and beyond.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

THROUGH February 27, 2024

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$30,000.00
Actual Feb. Income: \$ 22,000.00
Actual Feb. Expenses: \$ 28,000.00

THANK YOU!

ZION MEMORIALS

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Gloria Faeth	Organ Fund	Gladys Melcher

in loving memory



Daylight Savings

Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 10th.

Remember to spring ahead one hour!

Worship Schedule

9:00 AM Worship with live radio broadcast, Holy Communion, and livestream
10:00 AM Fellowship time
10:10 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 10:10 a.m.

All services are livestreamed on our Facebook page and website. Recordings of the broadcasts were 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 Pastor Nicole 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**

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.**

This event is open to all.



Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

We have several openings for this new year! If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday!

Upcoming dates: ,
March 24 (half), March 31
April 21
June 30

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS NEEDED

Call the office at
225-6755 to sign up

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\$110 for whole broadcast
\$55 for half

Scholarships

Zion will once again award two \$350 scholarships for the upcoming academic year. See the application for full instructions. Printed applications are available starting **March 11** 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

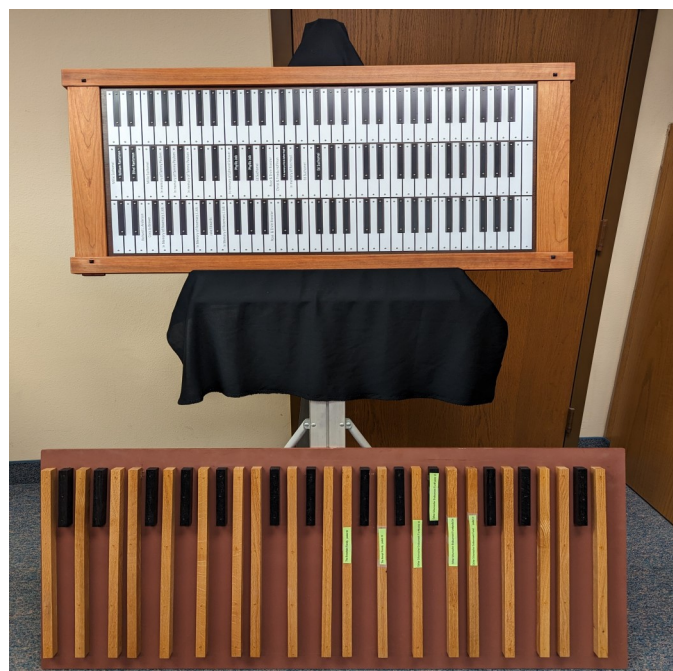
You will also be able to find the application on our website at zionlutheranaberdeen.org/signupcentral



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.

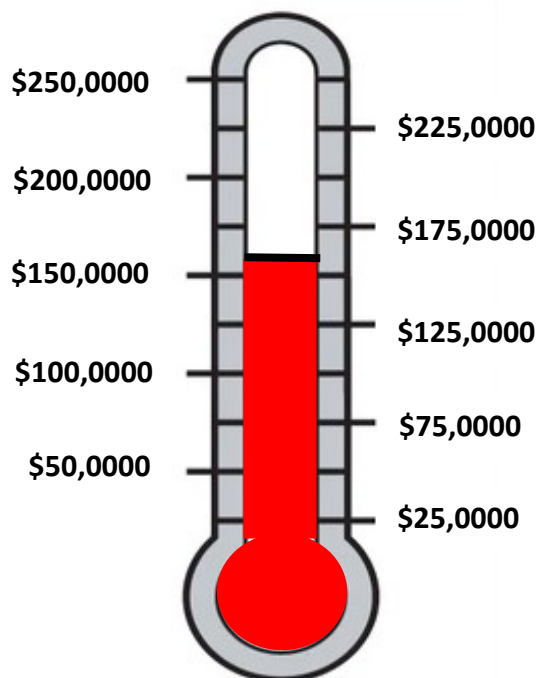
Take a minute to look at the board for updated names and fill out a sheet to get you or your loved ones name on the board.



Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$130,565.68
Unpaid pledges - \$21,601.63
Total project funds - \$152,167.31

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



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$97,832.69

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.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

Web: zionlutheranaberdeen.org
YouTube: bit.ly/ZLCYouTube
Facebook: facebook.com/ZionAberdeen
Facebook: facebook.com/zlcaberdeenyouth
Instagram: [@zlcaberdeensd](https://www.instagram.com/zlcaberdeensd)



Lenten Donations

We are a couple of weeks into the season of Lent, and our focus this year 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

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 24th, 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!



Council Appreciation and Installation

On Sunday, February 25, last year's council members were recognized during the 9:00 AM worship service. Thank you to Brent Stanek and Norma Nielsen for your service and leadership!

The 2024 council members were recognized and installed during this time, as well. Pictured is Pastor Nicole with this year's church council: Ed Suchomel, Chastity Madsen, Nicole Schutter, Joel Albrecht, Ryan Bretsch, Jessica Moser, Kathy Heffernan, and April Nehlich.