

JUNE & JULY 2024

# ZION'S JOURNEY

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Salutations Zion Lutheran Family and Friends,

What to say to you on this day? What to say? Spring has sprung. School is out. Memorial Day has been celebrated. Camping season has begun. Flag day, Fourth of July, and the county fair are around the corner. In all of these ways, the fever of freedom itches through our veins. Freedom from school routines and homework. Freedom from long winter nights and cold blustery winds. Summer and the feeling of freedom go hand and hand. Kids ride their bikes and jump on trampolines. Fishing trips are planned and fishing tales will be told.

Yes, this is one feeling of freedom. But there is another aspect to freedom to consider. As followers of Christ, we have freedom, but our freedom is instantly tied to service. We have freedom to choose, but our choices of freedom are opportunities to serve our neighbors and families, and communities. Freedom isn't a care free romp through life. Freedom is a gift that builds calluses and strengthens people as they serve one another. Some times freedom is the ultimate gift of sacrificing yourself for another.

This is the lesson of Memorial Day, and Independence Day, and Veteran's Day. The story of Labor Day and Farmer's Day (Oct 12<sup>th</sup>). All these people use freedom as an opportunity to serve and make a sacrifice to create better future moments for others.

So this summer as our schedules have shifted for these few months and the summer sizzle of freedom pulses through your veins, consider with us, and your ancestors of faith, how to spend your freedom to honor them, your families, your neighbors, and your church.

Here at Zion, we will be using our summer freedom to host **"Fireside Faith" on the second Friday of the month.** We will bring out the fire pit, sing some songs, play some games, and celebrate life together as a community in faith. The first event on June 14 will also include an ice cream social. So bring your sweet tooth and your passion for summer fun. **We will be meeting in the south parking lot at 7:00 pm.**

Until then,

Blessings to each of you this summer. May angels protect you as you travel. May you be safe from harm as you play. May the sun rays be a nutrient of goodness empowering you. And in all things, may you know how Christ used his freedom as God's Son to serve you. Amen.

Happy Summer! I look forward to seeing you around the camp fire.

Pastor Martin



### May 2024 Council Highlights

- There will be an ice cream social held during the Fireside Faith event on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the south parking lot. All are welcome!
- Council has approved the purchase of a chair for the narthex.

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH IS ON INSTAGRAM

Follow us:  
@zlcaberdeensd

TAG US IN YOUR PICTURES FROM WORSHIP, CHURCH EVENTS, AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### Special Offerings

#### **June is SD Companion Synods**

Our mission is to develop strong relationships between the SD Synod and the church body in Cameroon and in Nicaragua. For more information on our companion synod relationships, please contact the Companion Synod Coordinator at: [companion-synod@sdsynod.org](mailto:companion-synod@sdsynod.org).

#### **July is Lutheran World Relief**

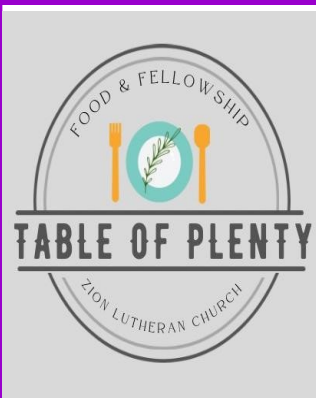
At Lutheran World Relief, we envision a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives. Affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering.



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

### Men's Fellowship Opportunity

On Wednesdays, June 27<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> 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!



### Table of Plenty

The next Table of Plenty meal will be on **Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 PM** in the Zion fellowship hall.

Join us as the Men of Zion serve spaghetti for the meal.

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

### **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](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving)

Or just scan this QR code with your smartphone and it will take you to our giving page.



## ZION HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

### Bethesda Home

Ben Schroeder  
Carol Knispel  
Jane Fischer  
Esther Ottenbacher  
Joyce Mentzer

### Meadowbrooke Ct

Frances Wolff

### Mother Joseph

Lois Sollie

### Derian Lodge

LaVon Eisen

### Milbank-Avantara

Marge Rhodes

### Bethesda Town Sq.

Shirley Wagemann  
Viola Tetherow  
Lorraine Kusler

### Nano Nagle

Jo Tolvstad

### Derian Lodge

LaVon Eisen

### California

Erna Schmierer



## Grateful for You

- ☺ Thank you to all who helped in any way with the new landscaping around the church. Special thanks to Millie Suchomel for weeding and watering.
- ☺ Thank you to Millie Suchomel, Carmel Heyd, and Marie Bretsch for picking out the new landscaping bushes.
- ☺ Thank you to Mike Brumbaugh for helping pull out the stubborn bushes and helping plant the new greenery.
- ☺ Thank you to Tehya & Orion Beusch for cheering up our shut-ins by creating and sending them cards.



### Noisy Offering

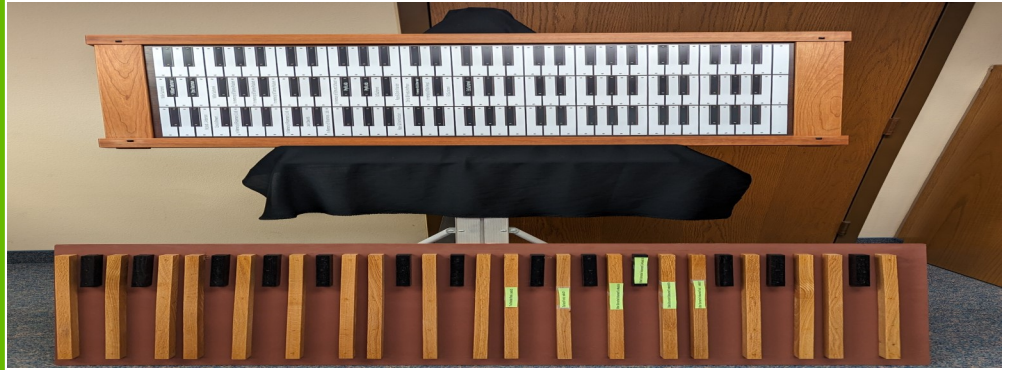
We will collect noisy offering during the worship service during the offering time on the second Sunday of the month. Don't forget your coins!

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.

## 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.

**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.**



## 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](http://thrivent.com) or contact Pastoral Assistant Sandra for ideas on how your Action Team can help support our ministries here at Zion and beyond.

## Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - 135,837.29  
Unpaid pledges - 19,915.02  
Interest - 5,388.45

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**Total project funds-**  
**161,140.76**



Pipe Organ



## Rides Available

### Sunday Van Rides Available!

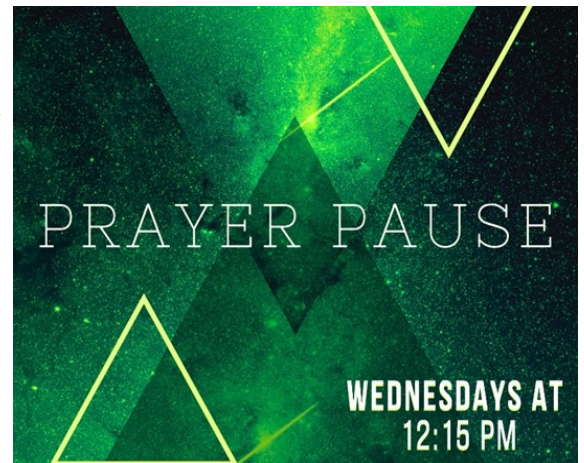
Our van ride service is available on Sunday mornings for the 9:00 AM worship service. If you would like a ride to worship, please call the church office at 225-6755 and talk to Donna.



# Faith and Family

## Prayer Pause

Prayer Pause is held weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15 PM in the sanctuary. We will gather to pray for the church, our community, and the world. If you have the opportunity, please join the pastor in the sanctuary to pray and lean into listening for God's love. There will be a variety of experiences available to enrich your practice. If you are busy at work or at play, set an alarm clock, take time to sit and breathe from your location knowing you are not praying alone. Together, let us unite in prayer for our neighbors and all that we wish to lift up to God. Make plans to join us! (The 6:05 PM session will no longer be held).



## Summer Faith Explorers



Plans are in the works for Summer Faith Explorers (formerly called VBS)! Mark the dates on your calendar, and make plans to join us for a time where youth can explore their faith through fun and interactive stories, games, crafts, snacks, and more! The theme of our sessions is "I Spy".

**Summer dates are July 10, 17, 24, 31 beginning at 5:30 PM.**

Registration forms are available in the office throughout the summer and available on the Band App (you can print and bring with you to the first session).

## Father's Day Basket Raffle

There will be a raffle for a Father's Day basket with all proceeds benefitting the Milwaukee service trip in 2025.

Tickets are \$5 and will be sold through Father's Day, with the drawing held on June 16 following church.

To see the basket and purchase your ticket, please stop at the table in the narthex on Sunday mornings.



## Wild Water West



Zion middle and high school youth are invited to a trip to Wild Water West in Sioux Falls on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church around 8:00 AM and will return around 8:00 PM. Cost of your ticket and gas will be covered by the youth committee. We ask families to provide money for food. If you plan to attend the event, please contact Pastoral Assistant Sandra by Monday, June 17.

# Faith and Family



## 2025 Summer Mission Trip

Plans are in the works for an **intergenerational summer mission trip** to Milwaukee in June of 2025. To hear preliminary details, plan to attend the info meeting on **Sunday, June 9 at 10:15 AM** in Classrooms A&B. This trip will be for those finishing 7th grade in the 24-25 school year and older. If you can't be at the meeting but would like more information, please visit with Pastoral Assistant Sandra.

## Summer Youth Group

Join us for a time of fellowship, service, faith, and fun!

**Summer youth group will meet on every other Thursday at 1:00 PM, beginning on June 13.** Summer dates include: June 13, June 27 (trip to Wild Water West), July 11, July 25, August 8.

Open to middle and high youth—friends welcome! Van rides are also available to and from the events.



## Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School was held on Sunday, May 5. The youth sang "This Little Light of Mine" and "Awesome God" during worship before presenting Sunday School teachers and staff with gifts and giving them a blessing. The kids completed a scavenger hunt during the Sunday School hour as a kick-off to summer!

During worship, Jennifer Wagemann was also recognized for her twenty years of dedication to our Zion youth as a Sunday School teacher. She is pictured below with granddaughter Miya Florence. Thank you, Jennifer!



## Chords of Joy

Thank you to all who participated in our Chords of Joy event on Sunday, May 12. We had a wonderful time celebrating the gift of music and the joy it brings. A very special thank you to the musicians who performed during the event for sharing your talents with us! We hope to see you next year!





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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 Coordinator

### **ZION'S KEY MISSION**

Cultivating communities of caring and belonging as champions of the gospel

### **ZION'S MOTIVATING MISSION**

+ We seek to honor relationships with God, others, and self through expressions of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

+ We see to cultivate these relationships by being rooted in faith, growing in spirit, reaching out to those in need; by being faithful stewards of creation, property and finances; and by valuing and empowering all individuals to be an active participant in our congregation and community.

### **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



### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Kirsten Nash, Marcie Andersh, Deb Hardy, Trudy Anderson & Judy Albl for providing flowers to decorate the altar for Pentecost.

**THANK YOU!**

### **ZION MEMORIALS**

#### In Memory of:

#### For:

#### From:

Fran Hoffman

Radio broadcast

Pat Ackerson



**Thank you for your ongoing gifts in memory of loved ones.**



## **STEWARDSHIP**

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

### **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT**

#### **THROUGH May 30, 2024**

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$30,000.00  
Actual May Income: \$28,744.93  
Actual May Expenses: \$31,907.06

**THANK YOU!**



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

#### **UPCOMING DATES:**

**September 8, 15, 22**

**October 6, 13, 20, 27**

# Happenings at Zion

## New Members

On Sunday, May 19, we officially welcome six members into our Zion faith family. Pictured below Pastor Nicole, Bernice Schock, Aileen Kolb, Pam Seyer, Bob Seyer, and Richard Martin, who affirmed their baptism during worship. Welcome to Zion!



## Escape Room

Six youth and Pastoral Assistant Sandra tried to defeat the Adventure Mist escape room on Sunday, April 28. Even though they were unsuccessful and needed about ten more minutes to escape, they still had fun!

After the event, the crew had a delicious supper prepared by Kelly VanderWeyst at Bob and Pam Seyer's house. Thank you for hosting!



## Zion Work Day

It takes a village! On Saturday, May 11, a dozen Zion volunteers joined together to work on the landscaping around the church building. Several old bushes were removed, the rock beds were cleaned up, new dirt was put in the flower beds, and new flowers were dug in. Then, throughout the next week, new bushes were put in, and the geraniums were planted following Pentecost Sunday. Thank you to all who helped with this project!





# Worship Schedule

## S U M M E R 2 0 2 4

9:00 AM      Worship service with Holy Communion  
(livestreamed and live radio broadcast)  
10:10 AM      Fellowship time

### 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 follows 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 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](mailto:zion@nvc.net).



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

### Bazaar Kuchen Baking

Mark your calendars! The annual Zion Women's bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, September 21. If you are interested in helping make kuchen for the event, please contact Carmel Heyd at 229-1360 or Mille Suchomel at 380-6373.



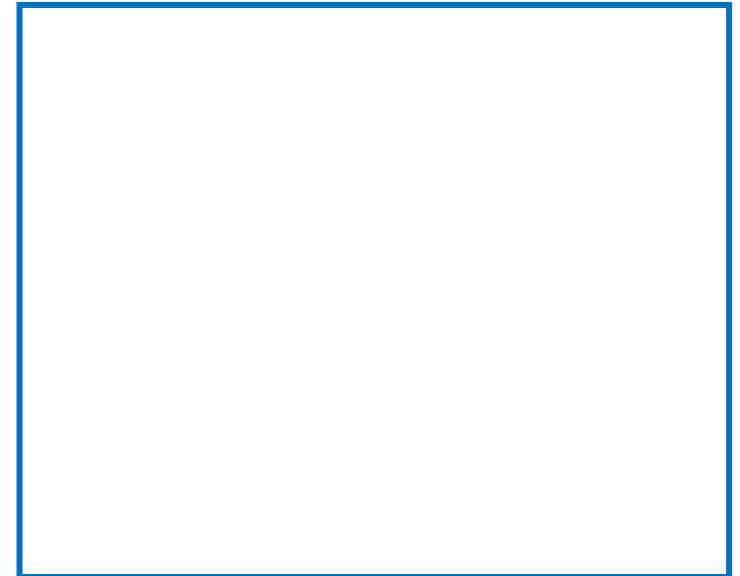
### Amazing Race

On Wednesday, May 22, Zion and Good Shepherd youth participated in a joint Amazing Race around town. Teams deciphered key words from different Bible verses, which then led them to a corresponding location in Aberdeen.

They then had to travel around town to the different locations, take pictures, and return to Good Shepherd, with the first team returning declared the winners. It was a fairly close race, with one team finishing about five minutes ahead of the other!







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### **STAY CONNECTED WITH US!**

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