

Announcements for August 18, 2024

Leading Worship Today (9:00 AM):

Preaching: Pastor Nicole Martin

Worship Assistant: Phyllis Gab

Lector: Nancy Schmidt

Sound: Zach Anderson

PowerPoint: Judy Albl

Communion: Steve Ottenbacher; Braden Refsland

Ushers: Lyle & Lois Chapin; Lenny Berger

Organist: Sonya Kempf

Flute: Sue Gates

Vocals: Gwen Heyd

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

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 radio broadcast is sponsored by Lavone Merkel in loving memory of her two brothers and their August birthdays.

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.

AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING IS THE ELCA

HUNGER APPEAL - For 50 years we have joined together as Lutherans to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through ELCA World Hunger. Part of our church's long tradition of meeting human needs, ELCA World Hunger testifies to our hope for and commitment to God's promise of a time when we will hunger and thirst no more. We have made great strides, but once again we face a startling increase in global hunger.

As we reflect on our last 50 years of ministry together, we know God calls us to respond to the needs of the world now more than ever. Join us and be part of the story of our next 50 years together — boldly and faithfully pursuing God's promise of a just world where all are fed.

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, 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 Andrea Morehouse 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 & 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
- 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

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!

2025 SUMMER MISSION TRIP - Plans are in the works for an intergenerational summer mission trip to Milwaukee in June of 2025. If you missed the informational meeting but are interested in attending, please visit with Sandra or attend the informational meeting that will be held on August 18th at 10:15 AM.

LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER & CHRIST IN OUR HOME can be found in the media rack in

the Narthex. The cost for the large print is \$5.00. Please put money in the correct collection box on the side of the rack. (Portals of Prayer have been ordered and will be here by the middle of the month.)

FALL BAZAAR - Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on Saturday, September 21st from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The committee will be contacting you to ask for donations or how you can help. There will also be a raffle with a beautiful quilt donated by Gene & Marilyn Bender.

Items for the Bazaar can be brought to the church the week before the event, beginning on Sunday, September 15 and left in Classrooms A&B.

BLESSING OF CUPS will be held on Sunday, September 1st during worship. To remember Labor Day and the labor of your hands, we invite you to bring a favorite cup. It could be a coffee cup, a yeti mug, a thermos—any drink container of your choice to represent you and how you identify yourself as a child of God. We will bless these cups and you for the goodness of your discipleship, being God's love in the world.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS - We will be holding our annual Blessing of the Backpacks next Sunday, August 25th during the 9:00 AM worship service. This blessing is for anyone in school or who work in the education field in any role (teachers, administrators, maintenance, custodians, educational aides, cooks, bus drivers, etc.). We encourage all to bring your bag with you as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year! We invite you to place your bag at the front of the sanctuary as you arrive and grab them as you leave worship.

FREEZER MEAL FOOD DRIVE - The Mission and Outreach Committee is looking for donations for the freezer meal ministry. Please consider bringing a donation of a frozen meal (homemade

or store bought) or a gift card to purchase meals through today; this will allow us to provide meals until the next prep day can be held. Meals can be brought to the church office during the week or placed directly in the freezer on Sunday mornings. Gift cards or monetary donations can also be dropped off in the office during the week or in the offering plate on Sundays.

TWINS BUS TRIP—Bethlehem Lutheran Church is inviting Zion members to join them for a family day trip to Minneapolis on Saturday, September 28 to watch the Twins take on the Baltimore Orioles. Cost is \$80 per person, which includes the ticket, transportation, and snacks on the bus. If you are interested in attending this day trip, please visit with Pastoral Assistant Sandra.

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:**
Joyce Mentzer, Lois Leicht, Jeff Carlson

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

Zion Calendar

SUNDAY – August 18

9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 AM Fellowship Time

10:15 AM Milwaukee Trip meeting

MONDAY – August 19

1:00 PM Quilters

3:00 PM Bazaar planning meeting

7:00 PM GA meeting

TUESDAY – August 20

10:00 AM Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY – August 21

12:15 PM Prayer Pause

1:00 PM Cardmakers

8:00 PM AA meeting

THURSDAY – August 22

1:00 PM Quilters

SUNDAY – August 25

9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion
and Blessing of the Backpacks

10:00 AM Fellowship Time

10:30 AM Church Council meeting