



SEPTEMBER 2024

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor's Pen
2024.09.01

Grace and Peace to you, beloved,

What a wonderful occasion to be writing you. What is the occasion? Any time we are able to greet the ones we value. As your pastor this means you, each of you! How does that saying go? "Without U, there is no CH_RCH." We are people working together for the glory of God. We are people baptized for the work of the gospel. What a great honor we each have, to be workers in the kingdom!

To help us with this labor, church leadership has been busy laying foundational pathways for us to celebrate our discipleship life together, fulfilling our mission to *cultivate communities of caring and belonging as champions of the gospel*.

Pathway #1: Rooted in Faith

Starting September 8, we will begin a new journey with scripture using the Narrative Lectionary. Through the sharing of biblical accounts, we will explore how God shows up both to our biblical ancestors and to us, revealing God's grace in ways we might not think to look.

Starting September 11 at 6:05 PM, we will begin "Living out Loud!," a weekly time of food, fellowship and bible study. This will be a cross generational experience. ALL ARE WELCOME. Together, we will develop our roots as a people of God, becoming more secure in our understanding of the bible, our relationship with God, and our expression as a Lutheran-flavored Christian.

Pathway #2: Growing in Spirit

Church leadership desires to help develop the "belonging" spirit here at Zion, so they are making a commitment to you. Each month, the approved minutes will be posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Come read and stay informed. They will also be routinely speaking during the Ministry Moment at the end of worship. Their goal is to bridge deeper connections with the members of Zion.

Pathway #3: Reaching Out to Those in Need

In the tradition of special offerings, we introduce to you, "*Love Offerings: Compassion from the Heart, Change for the World.*" Each month, a unique theme will guide our stewardship practices, highlighting three aspects of giving and service: the church, our neighbors, and the world. We pray you will be inspired to connect your excitement as a disciple, caring for (stewarding) all the gifts God gives us, as an opportunity to support the mission and ministries alive here at Zion.

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Love Offerings: Compassion from the Heart, Change for the World

- September's Theme: Growing Disciples
- Church Ministry Team Focus: Faith Formation
 - Special activities: Vocational Cup of Blessing (Sept. 1); Dash for Cans (Sept. 8);
Fall Kickoff Sunday (Sept. 8)
- Change for our neighbors: Salvation Army
- Change for the world: ELCA Global Missions

Pathway #4: Longevity Dream Team

When you consider the future of Zion, what does that look like? What do you think God is asking of Zion Lutheran? These questions have been asked at council. Now, we are asking you. We believe God is up to something amazing. We believe Zion has a bright, wonderful future in store for it, and like a person, visioning our future for the success and well-being of the mission is a key task. Hence, council has created the Longevity Dream Team, whose first task will be to pray and pray again, interview ministries to identify needs, listen for God's direction, be curious how God is connecting us to serve the world, review guiding documents, and then make recommendations to the council and congregation. Please pray and contemplate the best way for you to get involved. We are looking for 5 people (preferably representing different generational perspectives and genders) to be on the team.

These four pathways are a solid beginning for the start of a new season before us. As the pastor, I am excited to be church together, cultivating communities that care and invite others to belong, joining us on the journey. We at Zion have great gifts to share with our neighbors. Let us mark our place in the history of this decade as being champion of the living good news for all people.

As you go forth from this letter and into your day, may you be blessed with love that shines like the brightest star.

Joyfully, your sister in Christ,
Pastor Martin

Living Out Loud



Join us every Wednesday evening to learn about living our faith out loud. Each week will begin with a meal and fellowship at 6:05 PM; we will then begin a deeper dive into the Sunday morning scripture readings at 6:20 PM, with opportunities for discussion and reflection on being Lutherans in smaller groups after the opening. We invite all to the Living Out Loud evenings!

Church Connections

To support our September theme of Growing Disciples, the Education Committee will be hosting fellowship time on Sunday, September 22. Come allow the youth to serve you and hear what's in store for the upcoming Faith Explorer year.



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Love Offerings:

Compassion from the Heart, Change for the World

Local: Salvation Army

The Salvation Army meets human need wherever, whenever, and however we can. First we assess the needs of the area, then we build local programs that will best benefit the community, and then we offer the local programs, working to continually optimize their efficacy within the community.

World: ELCA Global Missions

Mission rooted in relationship means mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, sustainability and empowerment. Mostly it means growth – for everyone involved.

Together we listen, learn and deepen our understanding of one another. As we recognize and affirm one another's gifts, we become invested. These investments are the center of global mission.

The ELCA has organized its global engagement around the theology and practice of accompaniment, walking together with Lutheran, ecumenical and interfaith sisters and brothers around the world. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together.

A lot of mission work historically looked like this: there is God's story, my story and your story. Mission meant me bringing God's story to you. God's story is on my side, and you are on the other side. I'm crossing boundaries to bring God to you.

Men's Fellowship Opportunity

On Wednesday, September 25th, 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!

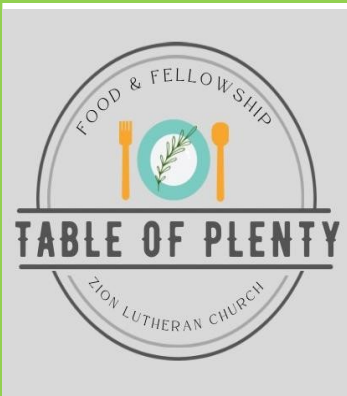


Table of Plenty

The next Table of Plenty meal will be on **Monday, September 23** from **5:30-7:00 PM** in the Zion fellowship hall. Make plans to join us for delicious food and fellowship!

If you know of anyone wishing to sponsor a meal for 2025, 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.

You can also give online today (multiple ways) by going to zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving

You can simply scan this QR code with your smartphone and it will take you to our giving page.



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Grateful for You

☺ Thank you to Lavone Merkel and Monica Tietz for all of your help in cleaning and organizing in the offices and narthex!

☺ Thank you to all who brought freezer meals or donated funds to help fill the freezer until the next prep day!

Taco John's Fundraiser

Mark your calendar to support the Milwaukee Mission Trip @ Taco John's on Wednesday, September 18 from 4-8 PM. The youth and adults heading to Milwaukee in June 2025 will receive 25% of all sales during this time, so let Taco John's take care of cooking for you that evening! Thanks for your support!



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.

LuMin Update



September is welcome back to school and mental wellness month at NSU. Your campus ministry will be busy this month with the student involvement fair, weekly "tell me more" table talks, caring for you projects and a popcorn with personality event.

Thank you to Pastor Nicole for supporting students and mental wellness in leading laughter yoga. Keep college student in your prayers as everyone navigates the fun exciting, stressful, and sometimes terrifying transition into college life and routine.

It is not too late! If you know a young person headed to college (anywhere in the US), help us all get connected by referring them on the ELCA LuMin student referral page! luminelca.org/refer-a-student/

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?



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Let Andrea Morehouse, Welcome and Caring chair, or Pastor Nicole 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.

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.

Faith and Family

Prayer Pause

Prayer Pause is held weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15 PM on Facebook. We will gather virtually to pray for the church, our community, and the world. 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!



2025 Summer Mission Trip

Plans are in the works for an intergenerational summer mission trip to Milwaukee in June of 2025. To hear details, plan to attend the final informational meeting on **Sunday, September 15 at 11:00 AM** in Classrooms A&B. This trip will be for ages 13 (completed 7th grade in Spring of 2025) and older. If you can't be at the meeting but would like more information, please visit with Pastoral Assistant Saundra. **The registration deadline for the trip is Monday, September 30.**

Fireside Faith

The next Fireside Faith will be on Friday, September 13th at 7:00 PM in the south parking lot. There will be food, games, fellowship, and fun! If the weather does not cooperate, the event will be moved indoors.



Confirmation Corner



- There will be a meeting for current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students on **Sunday, September 22 at 11:00 AM** to discuss confirmation classes and requirements. The meeting will be held in the youth room. If you cannot attend, please visit with Saundra. Midweek classes will begin on **Wednesday, September 25.**
- There will be a meeting for current 9th grade students on **Sunday, September 29 at 11:00 AM** to discuss the mentor year. This meeting will also be held in the youth room.

Faith Explorers

The first day of elementary Faith Explorers will be on Sunday, September 8. Please meet following worship in the sanctuary for opening. A letter was mailed home with all the details!

The first day of middle and high school Faith Explorers will also be on September 8. Youth will participate in the Dash for Cans and then will begin their normal meeting time on September 15 @ 10:15 AM in the youth room.



Worship Schedule

9:00 AM	Worship with live radio broadcast, Holy Communion, and livestream
10:00 AM	Fellowship time
10:15 AM	Faith Explorers

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 elementary and middle/high school Faith Explorers follows worship, starting at 10:15 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.

Fall Kickoff Sunday

We are so excited to begin another fall season here at Zion! There are several activities planned for the morning, so be sure to mark September 8 on your calendar and join in the fun!

Schedule of events:

9:00 AM	Worship with live radio broadcast, Holy Communion, and Faith Milestones for 1 st grade and 3 year olds
10:15 AM	Fellowship time & Dash for Cans
10:15 AM	Sunday School opening in the sanctuary; parent meeting to follow
2:00 PM	SkateAway Fellowship event



During the fellowship hour, there will be different activities for all ages! Faith Explorer children and parents will meet to the sanctuary following worship for the opening with a parent meeting to follow. Middle and high school youth and adults are invited to "dash for cans", which will be a collection of canned goods for our freezer meal ministry.

Then, from 2:00-4:30 PM, everyone is invited to gather at SkateAway for an afternoon of fun and fellowship together as a faith family.

SkateAway Fellowship Event

As part of Fall Kickoff Sunday, the Youth Committee is organizing a fellowship opportunity at SkateAway on Sunday, September 8 from 2:00-4:30 PM. Stop in anytime during that time to skate and visit with others! The cost for each person is \$9, which includes skate rental.



Happenings at Zion



The Fall Bazaar is Saturday, September 21 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Breakfast is at 9:00 AM with juice, coffee, kuchen & rolls being served. Lunch is served beginning at 10:45 AM until 1:00 PM and will be turkey noodle soup, homemade BBQ, chips, pickles, pie, kuchen, coffee & lemonade.

We are asking for donations for the following booths. Please bring your donations for the booths beginning Monday, September 16 to Classrooms A&B. Any baked or candy items for the bake sale can be brought on Friday, September 21. **Bring any of the listed items and crafts if you have anything to donate to make the Bazaar a success.** No clothes or large electronics please.

Thanks in advance for your help to make this year's bazaar a success!

- Hobby Nook will have crafts, quilts and wooden items.
- Bake Sale & Candy Corner will have all kinds of goodies & snacks.
- Kuchen Corner is for all the homemade kuchen made on Friday at church.
- Grandma's Treasurers will have all the glass items, puzzles & the things you can't do without.
- Garden Produce will have all the garden vegetables, plants, apples, pumpkins, canned goods, and honey.

We are also raffling a beautiful quilt donated by Gene & Marilyn Bender. Tickets will be sold on Sunday mornings in September and on the day of the event—1 ticket for \$3 and 2 tickets for \$5. The winner of the quilt will be drawn at the conclusion of the event.

Please come and spend the day with us!

Zion Lutheran Church Women

Music Meeting



There will be a meeting in the choir loft on **Sunday, September 15 @ 10:30 AM** for anyone who is interested in helping with music for worship. This includes anyone who would like to cantor, sing a solo or in a group, or play an instrument to lead worship or as special music. If you interested in participating but are unable to attend the meeting, please visit with the Director of Music, Sonya Kempf.

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Staff

Reverend Nicole Martin..... Pastor
Saundra Anderson..... Pastoral Assistant
Sonya Kempf..... Director of Music
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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
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April Nehlich..... Secretary

Council Representatives:

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

Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

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 15 (half), 29 (half)

November 10, 17, 24

All of December

THANK YOU!



ZION MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Marlin Bitz
Larry Huwe
Lyle Nelson
Erwin Heier

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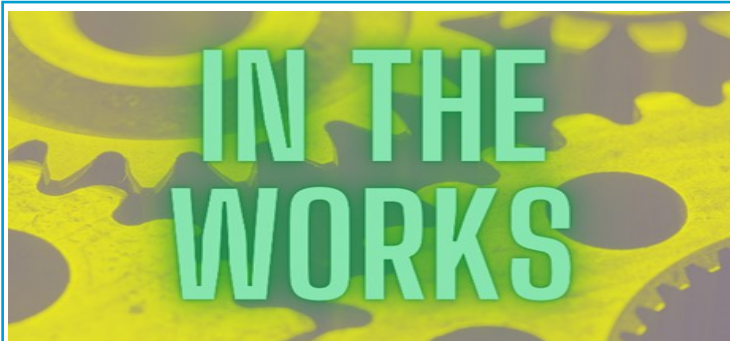
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In Loving Memory

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



In the Works

- There will be a Hymn Sing on the fifth Sunday of the month in September (September 29). This is an opportunity for you to hear your favorite hymns played. Be looking through the hymnal and share your favorites before worship on the 29th.
- The Zion Men's Group is planning their first pancake breakfast for Sunday, October 6th following worship. Make plans to join them for some delicious food and fellowship!
- The Youth Committee is planning a rummage sale for **Saturday, November 2**. Keep us in mind as you clean out and pack up before winter!



STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

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