



NOVEMBER 2024

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor's Pen
2024.11.01

Grace and Peace to you, beloved,

In society November is the month of Thanksgiving, turkeys, fall leaves, football and the Macey's Day Parade. However, in church, long before we get to the glory of a crowded table with trimmings of cranberries and stuffing, we begin with a deep love of community on All Saints Sunday.

What is All Saints Sunday? It's a moment to stop and reflect that our life as a community in the present, is founded on the living gospel work of ancestors in faith. These ancestors in faith we call saints. The baptismal wonder worked in them as the spirit of generosity that was unique to them, was the living light of Christ. From St. Nichols, to Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and right down to our moms and dads, grandparents, aunt uncles, cousins.... In each of us a saint lives. The promise of baptism was poured over us, and claimed us, and as this flesh takes on the greatness of God's glory, we are transfigured. This is growth of a saint, and we remember the work and labor of them all.

At Zion, we also remember the saints that are newly baptized into the community of Christ, and we look with hope for their development as a child of God to serve this world.

In these two ways, All Saints Sunday is an honor, as we remember the love of Christ working right through the lives of everyday, ordinary people that we are/have been privileged to love.

So for the month of November, what a tremendous opportunity we have to dwell in "Praise and Thanks."

Rooted in Faith, as a people of God, we will praise God for all God has given to us, to become living saints in light for others to know God.

Growing in Spirit, as people of God, we will give thanks for all the saints in light that have shown us a better way to be, exemplifying God's love through their time, talents, and energy.

Reaching Out to Those in Need, as people of God, we will serve others sharing praise and thanks for their lives as an expression of God's goodness to us.

"Praise and Thanks" is a powerful vehicle to connect the goodness of the past to a future that is still unfolding. Praise lets us see with new eyes the generosity of our ancestors in faith and how we stand on their shoulder in the beauty of now. Thanks lets us celebrate that beauty now and propels us consider how we will create beauty for those coming next. In all of the ways, join us here at Zion to celebrate a glorious month of "Praise and Thanks"

Looking forward to praising and thanking the Lord with each of you this month.

Joyfully, your sister in Christ,
Pastor Martin

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Happenings at Zion

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To help support this month's Praise and Thanks vision, we rally our stewardship opportunities around the following:

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

- November's Theme: Praise and Thanks
- Church Ministry Team Focus: Welcome and Caring
Special activities: Kindergarten Blessing Bowls (November 10th)
Thankoffering Sunday (November 24th)
- Change for our community: Safe Harbor (through Noisy Offering donations)
- Change for the world: Women of the ELCA (through Thankoffering donations)

Join us in being champions of Praise and Thanks this month as we share the good news of God's love.

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!

****There will be no Living Out Loud on Wednesday, November 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday****



Caring for Caregivers

We are gauging interest in forming a Caring for Caregivers group at Zion. This group would aim to provide emotional and spiritual support to individuals involved in the care of a loved one due to challenges presented by illness, disease, accident, and/or the effects of aging. If you would be interested in participating, please visit with Pastor Nicole.

A graphic for 'Caring for Caregivers' with a dark blue background decorated with small white and orange triangles. The text 'CARING FOR CAREGIVERS' is written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font inside a white rounded rectangle.

CARING FOR CAREGIVERS

Drive Up Donuts

On the last Friday of the month, donuts and a devotion will be available for pickup in the Zion south parking lot. Simply 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 **Friday, November 22 from 7:30-8:00 AM** (due to the Thanksgiving holiday the next week). All are welcome, so be sure to invite a friend!



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH IS ON INSTAGRAM

Follow us:
@zlcaberdeensd

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

Love Offerings:

Compassion from the Heart, Change for the World

Local: Safe Harbor

Originally formed in 1977, Safe Harbor began as a volunteer phone service providing information to women. Soon it was evident the community needed more than just a source of information, especially for people in need of shelter in a crisis.

Today, Safe Harbor serves adults and children by providing shelter and resources for making positive life choices. Our mission is to empower individuals in abusive situations by providing advocacy and support services; to educate and motivate the community to be proactive in eliminating abuse.

World: Women of the ELCA

WELCA is the women's ministry organization of the ELCA. It is separately incorporated and is not an auxiliary of the church. It is financially independent and responsible for its own financial affairs. Financial support comes from individual and group offerings and gifts.

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

Men's Fellowship Opportunity

On Wednesday, November 20, 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!

****Please note the change in date due to the Thanksgiving holiday!****



Table of Plenty

The next Table of Plenty meal will be **Monday, November 25 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.

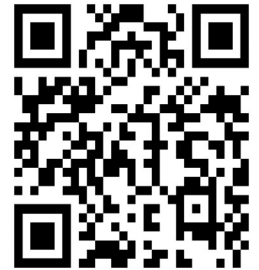


Thank you for your continued giving!

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.



ZION HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Bethesda Home

Norman Denning
Carol Knispel
Esther Ottenbacher
Shirley Wagemann

Meadowbrooke Ct

Frances Wolff

Mother Joseph

Lois Sollie

Milbank-Avantara

Marge Rhodes

Bethesda Town Sq.

Viola Tetherow
Lorraine Kusler
Elsie Geffre

Nano Nagle

Jo Tolvstad

Derian Lodge

LaVon Elsen

California

Erna Schmierer



Grateful for You

☺ Thank you to all who donated ingredients or funds for our freezer meal prep day. Due to your generosity, the group was able to prepare and freeze over thirty meals to be distributed. Also, thank you to the hands who helped prepare the meals!

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 www.thrivent.com or contact Ministry Coordinator Sandra for ideas on how your Team can help support our ministries here at Zion and beyond.



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



As seasons change, we settle into November; on campus this is a time buckling down, finishing projects and preparing for finals.

This month we attempt to live out loud Hebrews 10:24 "consider how to stir up one another in love and good works". In partnership with Good Shepherd we host our third annual Grocery Bingo event, intentionally planned in November as college student meal plan dollars begin to run out. We join in a new partnership with North Highland Methodist church to offer a worship of thanksgiving, and embark on further partnership with the NSU Counseling center and Pastor Nicole, preparing to offer another round of Laughter Yoga before finals.

As you transition into your holiday, stay up to date on our weekly devotions and events by following us on Instagram and Facebook. If you also want to live out loud Hebrews 10:24 and happen to be a Thrivent member with action team dollars, or are interested in providing support to Northern LuMin activities, please contact us at northernlumin@gmail.com

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm
7:00 pm

Both services will include Holy Communion and Candlelight



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

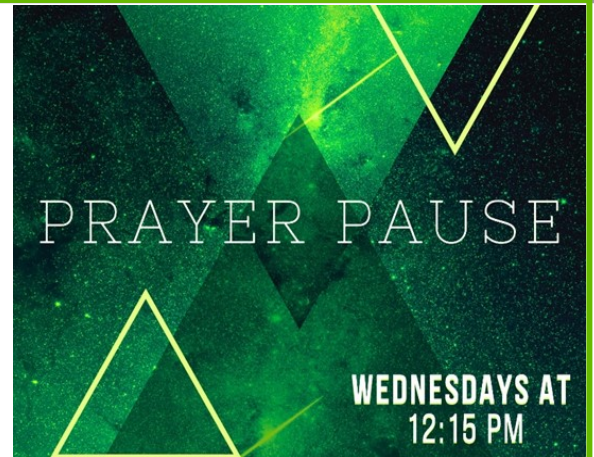
Sunday Van Rides Available!

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!



Confirmation Corner

- Our last 6-7-8 confirmation small group meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20. Small group will resume in January.
- There will be a 10th grade meeting with faith mentors on Sunday, November 24 beginning at 10:30 AM. Food will be provided.

Youth Rummage Sale

There will be a youth rummage sale to be held on **Saturday, November 2 from 8 AM—12 PM**. All proceeds benefit the Milwaukee mission trip. There will be caramel rolls available for purchase during the event, as well.

If you would like to bring items to donate to the rummage sale, you can start bringing items the week of October 28. All items can be left in Classroom C. Please no electronics or adult clothing. As you are cleaning and organizing before winter, keep us in mind!

**YOUTH
RUMMAGE
SALE**

Icons of a cardboard box and a sofa.

Milwaukee Mission Trip Meeting

There will be a meeting for those participating in the Milwaukee Mission Trip on **Sunday, December 1 at 10:30 AM**. If you are unable to make the meeting, please visit with Sandra.

If you haven't signed up for the trip but would still like to attend, come to the meeting, and we'll get you registered!



Kindergarten Faith Milestone

There will be a kindergarten blessings bowl faith milestone on **Sunday, November 10 at 10:30 AM in Classrooms A&B** with the presentation of the bowls during worship. More details will be sent to families this month—be sure to check your mail for more details.



Faith and Family

Confirmation Sunday

Congratulations to our five confirmands who affirmed their baptisms during the Reformation service on Sunday, October 27. During the service, the confirmands were presented with prayer shawls and introduced and served communion, in addition to picking the majority of the music. Following the service, cake was served in their honor, and their Credo projects were on display in the fellowship hall. Blessings to Cadynce, Avery, Ella, Lauren, and Eli on this faith milestone! May God continue to bless and keep you today and always.



Middle & High School **MARIO KART TOURNAMENT & GAME PARTY**

Mario Kart Tournament and Game Party

Join us on **Sunday, November 3 at 1:00 PM** for a Mario Kart tournament and game party! Card & board games will be set up along with the Mario kart tournament. Feel free to bring your own game or play the games provided!

Family and friends welcome! **This event is a joint event with Good Shepherd and will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in the youth room.** Van rides are available and will leave Zion @ 12:45 PM.

S'mores with Sandra

Join Sandra for some yummy treats in the north parking lot on the following Sunday evenings at 7 PM:

November 3 and November 17

Open to middle and high school youth—bring a friend, and don't forget to dress warm! Hotdogs will also be available to roast over the open flame, too!

S'MORES WITH SAUNDRA — 7:00 PM —

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
NORTH PARKING LOT

Join Sandra for s'mores, faith, and fellowship on:

October 6
October 20

November 3
November 17

Happenings at Zion

Trunk or Treat

The Zion Faith Education committee hosted Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27 from 2-4 PM. There were over 400 kids who participated in the event, along with their family members. In addition to the Trunk or Treat, desserts and water were served, and a family photo area was set up. Thank you to all who hosted a trunk, made desserts, donated water, wrapped water bottles, and donated candy for our Trunk or Treat. We could not host such a successful event year after year without your support! We would also like to extend a special thank you to Sharlene Wanttie for setting up the photo area—it was a hit!



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place

Bazaar Report

Zion's annual Bazaar was held on Saturday, September 21st from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. The turnout was smaller than previous years as the weather was nice and there were lots of things going on in the community. In total, we made \$6,025.75 before expenses. After expenses and with the money we had in our savings and checking accounts, we donated approximately \$8,500.00 to various groups in the church and in the Aberdeen community. It took about 65 people to help with the event. THANK YOU to all who helped and contributed!

-Zion Lutheran Church Women's Executive Board



I would like to thank the church for the beautiful quilt, especially the lady who made it. I know it takes a lot of time, patience, and hard work! Thank you, and God bless you!

-Lavina Nelson

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Staff

Reverend Nicole Martin..... Pastor
 Sandra Anderson.....Ministry Coordinator
 Sonya Kempf.....Director of Music
 Sue Gates.....Assistant Director of Music
 Stephanie HawkinsonPraise 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 BretschFinance & Stewardship
 Nicole Schutter.....Mission & Outreach
 Andrea Morehouse.....Welcome & Caring
 Kathy Heffernan.....Worship & Music

Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

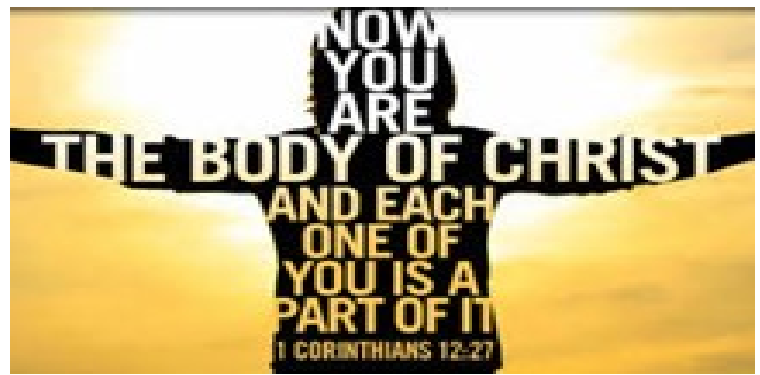
We have several openings for the remainder of the year! If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday!

Upcoming Dates:

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 All of 2025



RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS NEEDED
 Call the office at 225-6755 to sign up
 \$110 for whole broadcast
 \$55 for half



ZION MEMORIALS

Memorial gifts are a meaningful way to honor friends and loved ones who have passed. If you would like to make a donation to one of our ministries in their memory, please contact the church office.

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Jane Fischer	Youth	Ray & Marcie Andersh
Jane Fischer	Organ	Gary & Wanda Morehouse
Jane Fischer	General	Loren & April Nehlich
Rich Biegler	General	Loren & April Nehlich
Vivian Eske	General	Loren & April Nehlich
Vivian Eske	Mem. Fund	Paul & Linda Colombani
Vivian Eske	Mem. Fund	Leslie Sherman
Vivian Eske	Mem. Fund	William & LuAnn Pigors
Vivian Eske	Mem. Fund	Charles & Theresa Yeo

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



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

THROUGH September 30, 2024

Budgeted September Expenses:	\$30,000.00
Actual September Income:	\$24,836.19
Actual September Expenses:	<u>\$22,145.93</u>
Total:	\$2,690.26

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.

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 Andrea Morehouse, Welcome and Outreach 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.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Thankoffering Service

The Thankoffering service will be held on Sunday, November 24. The envelopes for the special offering will be handed out on Sunday, November 10 and again on Sunday, November 17. This special offering will be collected in a quilt at the front of the church. The money collected will be given to the Women of the ELCA. All monies designated in church envelopes remain church offerings and loose offering and special envelopes will go toward this special offering.

Thankoffering 

Advent Decorating

The Christmas season is almost upon us! We will be decorating our building in celebration of Advent and Christmas on Sunday, November 24 at 10:30 AM.

We are looking for volunteers of all ages who are willing to help put up trees, wreathes, nativity sets, etc. Mark the date on your calendar and make plans to join us!

