

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor's Pen
2024.10.01

Grace and peace to you, beloved,

As we step into the month of October, we begin to see and feel the playful effects of light and dark in our lives. This dramatic display can be a thoughtful reminder of our intimacy with God and how, in creation, God creates and cares for all aspects of our wellbeing. It can also be an intimate reminder of how light warms us and brings us hope in the face of darkness.

Hope is a profound feeling that carries us forward even when we cannot see where we are going. Hope lets our heart sing songs of praise during the difficult times. Hope fills our soul like a bountiful harvest, nourishing us with healing and calling to our voice laughter.

In these ways, hope is a harvest of God's grace for us.

Rooted in Faith, as a people of God, a harvest of hope is knowing God's forgiveness, mercy, and love is for us.

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. (Psalm 62:5)

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. (Psalm 71:5)

You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word. (Psalm 119:114)

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope. (Psalm 130:5)

Growing in Spirit, as people of God, a harvest of hope is knowing God does and will continue to work through us.

They should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments. (Psalm 78:7)

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God. (Psalm 146:5)

Reaching Out to Those in Need, as people of God, a harvest of hope is nourishment to souls that are suffering and hungering for hope in Christ.

Do not let those who **hope** in you be put to shame because of me, O Lord GOD of hosts; do not let those who seek you be dishonored because of me, O God of Israel. (Psalm 69:6)

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? **Hope** in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. (Psalm 43:5)

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Happenings at Zion

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Hope is a powerful reminder of what is good and wonderful with God. Therefore, this October, our Special "Love" Offerings will focus on:

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

- October's Theme: Harvest Hope
- Church Ministry Team Focus: Mission and Outreach
 - Special activities: Freezer Meals (October 21st)
 - Trunk or Treat (October 27th)
- Change for our community: Zion Lutheran Freezer Meal Ministry
- Change for the world: ELCA World Hunger

Join us in being champions of harvest hope this month as we share the good news of God's love.

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!



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, October 25 from 7:30-8:00 AM**. 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: Zion Freezer Meals

Zion's Freezer Meal ministry provides hand-prepared frozen meals for you to take to anyone who could benefit from them, including someone who just had surgery, had a baby, or lost a loved one; these meals are also shared with our community members in need of food. Funds donated are used to purchase supplies for making the meals and food items that were not already donated.

World: ELCA World Hunger

- 821 million people around the world can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives.
- At some point in 2017 (the most recent year available), more than 40 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from.

Working with and through our congregations, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Men's Fellowship Opportunity

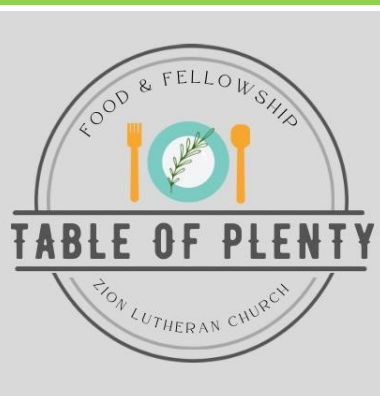
On Wednesday, October 30th, there will be a men's meeting at Dempsey's for an opportunity for fellowship. This is intended to be extremely informal and an opportunity to get to know one another. Please feel free to invite a friend, and we will see you there!



Table of Plenty

The next Table of Plenty meal will be **Monday, October 28 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

Bethesda Town Sq.

Viola Tetherow
Lorraine Kusler
Elsie Geffre

Derian Lodge

LaVon Elsen

Meadowbrooke Ct

Frances Wolff

Nano Nagle

Jo Tolvstad

California

Erna Schmierer

Mother Joseph

Lois Sollie

Milbank-Avantara

Marge Rhodes



Grateful for You

☺ Thank you to all who helped make Fall Kickoff Sunday such a wonderful time of activities and fellowship!

☺ Thank you all who made desserts and helped serve at the September Table of Plenty meal. We couldn't do it without your help!

Office Hours Change

Starting October 1, the church office hours will change to 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 AM—12:00 PM on Fridays.



NOISY OFFERING



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



October opens with homecoming week. This year we are hosting our very own home coming candidate, student leader Ashlyn Haselhorst!

Putting to use the gifts we have been given, LuMin continues with our wolves care kits and extends support and wellness to our fellow student body by assembling and providing hygiene kits and cold and flu kits. As we celebrate generations of community and higher education, may we remember to be insightful stewards of community wherever we are.

If you find yourself wondering what is happening with campus ministry, follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on our weekly devotions and events! If you happen to be a Thrivent member with action team dollars, or are interested in partnering with Northern LuMin on one of our specific activities, please contact us at northernlumin@gmail.com

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 Ministry Coordinator Sandra for ideas on how your Action Team can help support our ministries here at Zion and beyond.

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!



No Faith Explorers

There will be no Faith Explorers on **Sunday, October 13** for either elementary or middle and high school youth in observance of the Native American holiday weekend. Faith Explorers will resume on Sunday, October 20 at 10:15 AM.



Youth Rummage Sale

Plans are in the works for a youth rummage sale to be held on **Saturday, November 2 from 8 AM—12 PM**. All proceeds benefit Zion youth.

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



Confirmation Corner

- There will be no formal 6-7-8 confirmation small group on Wednesday, October 9. We encourage you to still join us for our Living Out Loud time!
- There will be a 10th grade meeting with council on Sunday, October 20 beginning at 10:30 AM. Food will be provided.



Confirmation Sunday

On **Sunday, October 27 at 9:00 AM**, we are excited to be able to celebrate with our Zion youth who are affirming their baptisms during worship that morning! That Sunday is also Reformation Sunday, so we encourage you to wear red, as well. Please plan to attend and celebrate with our confirmands!

2024 Confirmation Sunday



**October 27, 2024
9:00 AM**

Faith and Family



Middle & High School Pumpkin Decorating Event

There will be a pumpkin decorating event on **Monday, October 14 from 1:00-2:30 PM** in the fellowship hall. Youth can come and carve or paint a pumpkin while enjoying snacks. All supplies and food will be provided.

Pumpkins will be displayed at Trunk or Treat on October 27 and voted on for best pumpkin. The winner will receive an Allevity gift card!

Please RSVP to Sandra by Friday, October 12 to be sure we have enough pumpkins!

Elementary Pumpkin Painting Event

Join us on **Sunday, October 6** for a joint event with Good Shepherd! There will be a time of pumpkin painting and snacks from 1-2 PM in the Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall. All supplies and food will be provided. The event is open to preK-5 grade--bring a friend!



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 7:00 PM:

October 6 - October 20 - November 3- 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

Faith and Family

Trunk or Treat

The Zion Faith Formation Committee will once again be hosting a Trunk or Treat event at the end of October. **The event will be held on Sunday, October 27 from 2-4 PM.** Plans are in the works for desserts and drinks to be served and a photo area to allow families an opportunity to have a picture taken.

The committee is looking for donations of candy to be given out at the event, along with cookies or bars to be given during the dessert time. There will also be a sign-up for those who would like to host a vehicle during the event.

To sign up to host a vehicle or bring desserts, please see the table in front of the Faith Explorers bulletin board in the narthex by Friday, October 25. All candy donations can be left in the box by this table, as well (no need to sign up to bring candy). Donations should be brought to the church by Sunday the 27th at noon.



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 27

2-4 PM

North Parking Lot

Happenings at Zion



Third Grade Faith Milestone

There will be a My Bible faith milestone for third grade students on **Sunday, October 6** following worship in the Ministry Hub. Youth will be using their Bibles during this time, so be sure to bring yours with you!

Faith Milestones

On Sunday, September 8, we celebrated with our three-year-olds who started Faith Explorers and first and second grade students who received Adventure Bibles during worship. As part of the milestone, the other Zion youth in attendance shared a blessing with their Siblings in Christ. Congratulations to Hunter, Adalyn, Olivia, Ella, Emma, Dylan, Kenny, Everett, Harrison, and Bryan on these next milestones in your faith journey!



For Your Information



- Lifeline Screening will be held on Friday, October 25th, starting at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Zion has been given a couple of coupons for hosting the event. If you are interested in using one of these coupons, please contact the church office.
- Pastor Nicole will be out of office October 9-15. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact the church office.

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Staff

Reverend Nicole Martin..... Pastor
 Saundra 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:

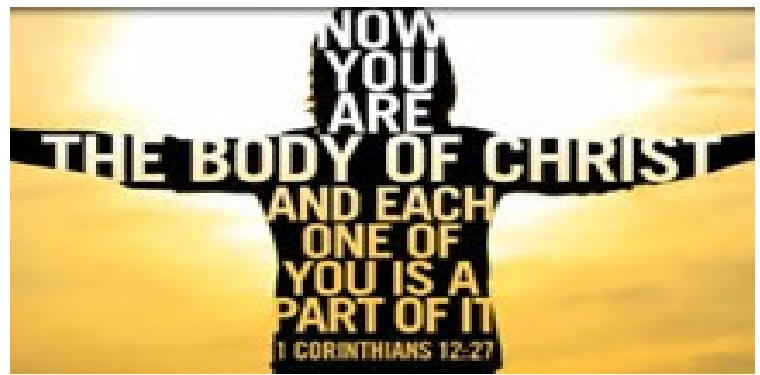
Ed Suchomel.....President
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 Joel Albrecht Treasurer
 April Nehlich.....Secretary

Council Representatives:

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

Birthday Celebration

The family of Pat Ackerson invites you to an open house on Saturday, October 19 from 2-4 PM in the fellowship hall in celebration of Pat's 90th birthday!



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.

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



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

THROUGH August 31, 2024

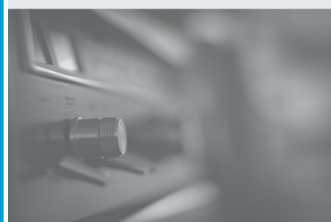
Budgeted August Expenses:	\$30,000.00
Actual August Income:	\$20,716.51
Actual August Expenses:	<u>\$27,477.55</u>
Total:	(\$-6,761.04)

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:

November 24
 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

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

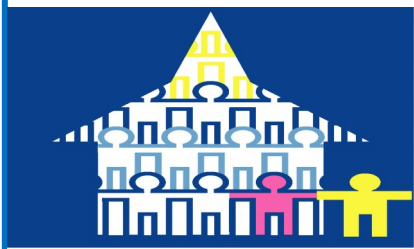
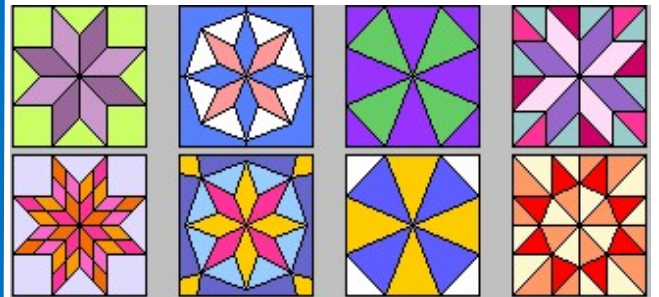
Are you interested in becoming a member of our faith family? Do you know someone who is, or are you wondering what it means to be a member of Zion?

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.

We Appreciate You

Thank you for all of your support through donations of fabric and denim! We have enough supply to use for our current projects and needs and will not any denim for the time being. Thanks again for supporting our efforts!

-Zion quilters



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped with the Fall Bazaar, from making kuchen, donating items, cooking food, working stations, or coming out and supporting the event! The full report from the Bazaar will be included in next month's newsletter. Thanks again for helping make the Bazaar a success!

TH *thank you!* **YOU!**