



God's Beautiful Summer Creation

Our family had the opportunity to explore Yellowstone National Park this spring. Wow! Erik and I visited Yellowstone as newlyweds. To return with our three young teenagers now and introduce them to that area of Montana was pretty fantastic. There were moments when you couldn't help but be in awe of God's good creation. The mountain views, gushing geysers, rocky canyons, rushing waterfalls, bison, bear, elk, and moose sightings were impressive. Our God is so creative.

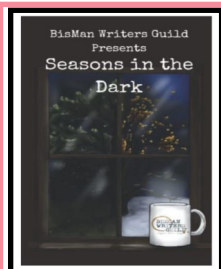
I hope your summer provides opportunities for you to be in awe of God's beautiful summer creation. Growing flowers, chirping birds all seem to stretch our view towards the mystery and majesty of our Creator. Awesome things are happening inside and outside of your church this summer too. You have an awesome church. There are lots of reasons to be proud of what we are doing together with God and one another. We have some great opportunities in July and August:

- Outdoor Summer Worship Wednesdays - starting July 5th under shade tents
- Blessing of the Pets Service - Wed. July 5th at 6:15pm (potluck prior)
- Hot Tots Baseball - Thurs. July 6th 'Everyone at Zion' & Sun. July 23rd 'Men and Boys'
- Singles Night - Food Truck Festival Sun. Aug. 27th noon (look for the Zion tent to gather)
- Vacation Bible Camp - July 17th week
- Stock the Shelter - collecting items for local Animal Shelters in July
- Staff Summer Reading suggestions - listed on Zion's Facebook each Friday
- Summer Sermon Series: 'Save Us from Cliches' - June 11- July 16th

We are excited about all the beautiful things happening at your church. Continue to pray for your church and its leaders as we step into this exciting chapter in Zion's ministry. It sure seems God has wonderful opportunities ahead for us.

*"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." -Revelations 4:11*

~Pastor Elaine Sweet



AUTHOR CHAT Wed. Aug. 16th 7-8pm

Pastor Elaine has had two published works this year! Listen to a reading from her fiction piece 'Hope for Me' published this winter in a ND authors' anthology 'Seasons in the Dark'. Ask questions and contribute ideas to her next story in this series. Hear also about the recent Bible Study published by Pastor Elaine this summer 'Tests, Trials, and Opportunities'. This Study explores some ancestral stories of Abraham and his descendants, Isaac and Jacob, as they grow through



experiences with God and wrestle with life, disappointments, responsibilities, trust and legacy. This will be a relaxed time of conversation about writing, faith and inspiration. Look at these books and get to know Pastor Elaine better.

More DREAM BOX Ideas Received

First, here are some of the ideas we received that we are currently pursuing:

Pew Bibles (Our Bibles had been stored away during Covid and had been listed on our summer to-do list to return these to the sanctuary. It was lovely to read that someone in the congregation was thinking like the staff that it was time for these to return.)

Life Groups (These will be restarted this September and January!)

Outdoor Church Flowers: "I would like to see a couple large planters in front of church with Flowers." (We are making progress towards this with two planted flowers beds in our parking lot and two small planters by our south entrance. We would love to start a new group to have leadership and oversight of our flower ministry including our Christmas Poinsettias, Easter flowers and summer outdoor flowers! Volunteers wanted.)

Second, here are the ideas we heard from you and are contemplating for the future:

Evening Quilting Group "I would like to learn quilting and also try and keep this great mission going." (We are happily exploring this option.)

Coffee Shop "I would love to have a coffee shop, breakfast area for our Sunday morning worship." (A fancy self-serve coffee bistro area to access before worship is being contemplated. Perhaps our future 'Welcome & Hospitality team' will lead this new initiative.)

Weekly Calendar "Add a weekly calendar to the 'bulletin' that is currently being handed out." (We are actively discussing the design of a weekly calendar and the release of an emailed Weekly E-news. Hopes would be for this to begin circulation in the Fall.)

Build a Sanctuary "Build a Sanctuary! Let's expand." (We are working on a strategic plan assessing how our building meets or fails to meet our current and future ministry needs. In tandem we are assessing our financial health as a congregation and what steps we would need to make progress toward expansion, if expansion is deemed needed.)

Yard Clean Up "I'd like to see the Confirmation kids do a service project where they do yard clean-up Fall and Spring for Seniors of the congregation." (The logistics of this idea is being explored.)

Third, here are the ideas we heard that we feel are not a priority at this time:

Liturgy "I'd like to see the use of the Liturgy." (We are unclear what this request refers to exactly. We regularly use liturgy (prayers) throughout each worship service. For our 'traditional' Sunday worship services we use one of our ELCA communion liturgies with sung and read prayer. There may be a particular liturgy a congregation member prefers. There are many options. Some of these liturgy options are listed in the front pages of our hymnals found in the sanctuary.)

*Ideas are listed in the order they were received, and then organized by our response. Each idea was discussed with church staff and presented to Church Council. Thank you for your ideas. This final group of Dream Box ideas were collected May 31st. We will expect to offer the Dream Box another year, until then please know your Church Staff and Council are always open to hear your ideas for this great church we all love.

~Pastor Elaine

WIDOWS & WIDOWER

Next Meeting: Wed. Sept. 13th 1pm-3pm

The Widow & Widowers group met for the first time Wed. June 14th at the Badlands Restaurant. Twelve people joined Pastor Elaine for lunch, supportive conversation and prayer. Nine women and three men shared a wonderful time. We got to know one another better, shared about beloved spouses, and what has been helpful in this journey of grief. It was good to laugh together, eat together, be honest together, listen and connect. The group decided the plan to meet quarterly was excellent, and immediately chose

Wed. Sept. 13th 1pm-3pm at Homesteaders Restaurant to meet next.



*Widow & Widowers
Group*

Wed. September 13th from
1-3 pm at Homesteaders
Restaurant.
Come enjoy conversation
and support with Pastor
Elaine.



Zion General Fund

In memory of Velda Glick from Jason/Melody Sundbakken

In memory of Lottie Jean Griffin from Jason/Melody Sundbakken, Hilmer/Joyce Maas

Music Fund

In memory of Velda Glick from Bruce/Linda Christianson, Brian/Julie Troxel, Lydia Samatar, Butch/Ruth Ann Rexine, Vaughn/Jonell Gibson, Sherlene Nelson, Marvin/Mary Miller, Dennis/Kathleen Brekken

Trust Fund

In memory of Milton Berg from Joel/Sonja Hernes

In memory of Chuck Weiser from Pat White

Building Fund

In memory of Keith White from Dale/Wanda Maixner, Terry/Gail Hjelmstad

Zion Lutheran Church Women

In memory of Lottie Jean Griffin from Armend/ReNae Lynner

Undesignated Memorial Fund

In memory of Evelyn Mau from Donald/Carol Mohagen

In memory of Lottie Jean Griffin from Robert/Connie Knudson; Dale/Kay Mattern

In memory of Velda Glick from Arden/Kari Glick

In memory of Tessa Asendorf from Jason/Melody Sundbakken

In memory of Jerry Hovey from Judy Teets

In memory of Genevieve Stewart from Lavon Morris, Timothy/Laura Mihalick, Daniel Langemo, Dale/Kay Mattern, Chad/Brenda Carr, Boyd/Phyllis Hanson, Ronald & Ardis Painter

Designated funds to which you may donate in memory/honor of someone:

Zion General Fund ~ Building Fund ~ ZLCW ~ Community Outreach

Education ~ Global Missions ~ Music Ministry

Playground ~ Prayer Shawl ~ Trust ~ Youth Ministry ~ ZLCW

If no specific fund indicated, gifts go to the Undesignated Memorial Fund

A Letter from Ruth Ann Rexine

I want to thank you for your continued support and all your prayers though out my battle with acute myeloid leukemia. The chemotherapy and also my leukemia cause my blood components to all be very low. I am so thankful for all the blood and platelets I have received. I'm immunosuppressed so I don't go into crowds as I can't risk getting any infections. Since my condition is chronic, I'm going to take my name off the prayer list, but would appreciate your continued prayers as hope to go into remission again.

God's blessing to all of you,

Ruth Ann Rexine

January through June 2023



Baptisms

Mallory Renee Leonard 1/28/23
 Eddie Taylor Leonard 1/28/23
 Lochlan Michael Heth 1/29/23
 Ansen Albert Stenvold 2/25/23
 Hunter Levi Hanson 3/18/23
 Kew Austin Kittleson 4/16/23
 Ivey Irene Lawson 2/29/23
 Tinslee Jayne Sperling 5/20/2023
 West James Weidman 5/28/2023
 Silvee Jean Ryan 6/11/2023

Funerals



Isabelle Thompson 1/7/2023
 Kenny Javar 1/12/2023
 Darlene Dickman 1/14/2023
 Harry Hughes 2/6/2023
 Lois Jensen 2/10/2023
 Bill Jenson 2/22/2023
 Milton Berg 3/30/2023
 Monica Duchsherer 4/13/2023
 Velda Glick 4/14/2023
 Evelyn Mau 4/19/2023
 Lottie Jean Griffin 4/20/2023
 Gary Tarasen 4/21/2023
 Chuck Weiser 4/28/2023
 Genevieve Stewart 5/19/2023
 Michael Johnson 5/25/2023

Weddings

Chandler Jacobs & Stephanie Edmonds
 5/6/2023



The Lord's Cupboard Gardening Opportunities

The Lord's Cupboard has been planted and we are ready to begin year of gardening for The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry.

Volunteers can sign up now to help care for the gardens—Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings, 7:45-10:30 am! Volunteers leave Minot at 8:30 am both days. Remember, the garden beds are raised so no bending or crawling around!!

Volunteers meet at Schatz Truck Stop, 1712 20th Ave, SE in Minot in the East Parking lot, and will car-pool an/or caravan to the gardens located north of Velva. See sign up options below.

- Get the "Golden" app on your smart phone and scan the QR code at the right. Click sign up for an account and you will be taken to The Lord's Cupboard Garden Opportunities.



- Type this URL into your computer and create an account:

[Tinyurl.com/4fx8hz8v](https://tinyurl.com/4fx8hz8v)

- Text 701-721-0839 or call and leave a message.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Quilters



Next Meeting: Mon. September 18th @ 9am.

Stop and check out the glass display in front of the Zion office. You will see it full of an array of colors and patterns of newly made quilts. Regular sized

60x80" quilts are only \$40 and infant quilts are \$25. They make it easy to buy for any occasion and are so warm!

Quilters are not meeting for the summer months but will reunite on September 18th.



Summer Worship

(Year Round)

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

Sundays at 10:00 am—On-site Worship

Youtube Live @ZionMinot

(Starting July 5th)

Wednesdays @6:15 pm

Church Is Open Mon-Fri

Office Hours: 8:00 am-4:00 pm



GOOD NEWS: Attendance is up at Zion! Aren't you excited? Worship for the first five months of this year is showing consistently larger worship attendance than last year! Give yourself a hand. And if you haven't been in worship lately, here's a nudge to come see what all the joy is about here. Saturday 5pm worship is averaging 10 more worshippers every week. That's a 30% increase in Sat. night worshippers over 2022. Sunday worship is also up, averaging 24 more worshippers every service, a 25% increase over 2022. Wednesday worship is averaging similar to last year. Worship is growing! And we haven't even discussed our online viewership which has increased substantially. Jan.1 thru May 31st 2023 worship attendance: Saturday 2023 averages 42. (2022 averaged 32.) Sunday worship averages 120. (2022 averaged 96.) Wednesday worship averages 113. Woohoo! We look forward to seeing and counting you in worship!!

TRICKY NEWS: While attendance is up, our givings are not where we would hope them to be. If you can give an extra offering this summer, it would be very appreciated! We have received \$44,000 less offering than last year for this time period. You have a fantastic congregation and we want to continue all the great ministry we are sharing without the distraction of financial worry. Thank you in advance for helping your congregation stay strong! We're behind financially at this point in the year, but we believe Zion can be impressively strong financially too. You can give online in the summer at zionlutheranminot.org by hitting the GIVE button. Every gift makes a difference. God bless your amazing generosity!

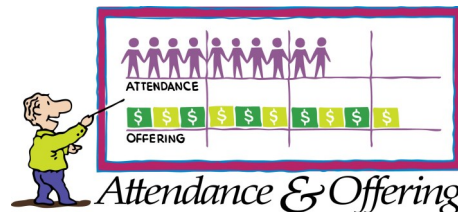
~Pastor Elaine

Financials	May 2023	Year to Date
Offering	\$38,504.48	\$225,927.87
Other Income	\$3,785.37	\$18,504.75
Expected Transfer from Savings	\$5,393.58	\$37,228.70
Expenses	\$54,106.31	\$294,420.57
Surplus/Deficit	-\$6,422.88	-\$12,759.25

Have you signed up for automated giving through RebelGive?

If you have not, go to Zion's website and click on the Green "GIVE" button on the bottom right of your screen. It is very easy, just follow the flow and you can be set up in a couple of minutes.

You can also scan this QR code with your phone and it will take you to Rebel Give for Zion Lutheran Church.



Worship Date	One-Site	Online	Total
6,7,10-May	256	261	517
13,14-May	228	168	396
20,21-May	114	106	250
27,28-May	107	110	217
3,4-June	106	144	250
10,11-June	120	154	274
17,18-June	88	74	162
24,25-June	113	122	235

We Are Grateful For YOU

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Stewardship Message

by Rich Jensen



Back in October of 2021, Paula and I moved from a small town just outside Sioux Falls to this community. In our former location, we were very active members in a small church. That means we were on literally every committee at least twice, volunteered every opportunity we had, and felt a real bond with that faith community. After the move, we were invited by our family to give Zion a try. We quickly found it was what we were looking for, but it wasn't perfect. That's what made it so appealing. Here's what we saw:

It wasn't an organized, well-oiled machine. Growing churches aren't. If everything is neat and tidy, then the church is not doing its job. But it wasn't what it didn't have, it was what it did have. Great people with big hearts are here and feed spiritual growth in lots of ways. This is a place of opportunity. Secondly, there is no way a great church can be one-size-fits-all. The Zion we discovered wasn't trying to copy what other churches did well. This church was creating its own path, and more importantly, encouraging each member to discover their faith in their own way. And we loved what we saw in the challenges this church faced. If you are a strong faith community, then nothing is ever perfect. There will always be more work to do. Zion always has something going on, with physical projects to education opportunities to community building, there is something in process. And if someone were to ask me, "When are you going to done with all the work being done at your church?" I will proudly tell them, "We will never be completed".

Paula and I came here and met people and got really involved. We even found our spot to sit for worship on Sundays; and then also went to Wednesday worship. Zion was a great connection for us and we are so happy we decided to become members here. At Zion, there is a place to work our faith, to grow it and learn about it, and to stretch it. Remember the bumper sticker, "Be patient with me, God isn't finished with me yet"? Here is where we found groups of people who make up a family and a community, practicing love, forgiveness, and grace. Still growing. Still learning. Let us all commit to keeping this alive.

Support the family of Zion Lutheran Church in Minot.



Take me out to the Ball Game!

Worship, work and play make us healthy and happy people. Come on out to a baseball game with your Zion congregation. **Two dates:** Everyone at Zion is invited **Thurs. July 6th 6:35pm** game time. Then **Sun. July 23rd at 5:35pm** all the Men and Boys of the congregation are invited to the Hot Tots game! We're hoping for a win, but either way you and Zion are winning!! You get a Grandstand Seat, a free Hot Tots Hat, and a 90 min. all you can eat Buffet at the game for \$25. Sweet! Zion gets an opportunity for fun and relationship building together and this event raises money for the church too. A portion of your ticket goes to Zion's general fund AND there will be a 50/50 raffle at the game for Zion's Youth upcoming National Gathering in New Orleans next summer. Win - Win - Win. Invite your friends. We've got 50 tickets reserved for July 6th and 30 tickets reserved for July 23rd and more available if needed. Let's enjoy some baseball together, Zion! Order your tickets easily at [MINOT-HOT-TOTS.NWLTICKETS.COM](https://minot-hot-tots.nwltickets.com) use promo code **ZION** for July 6th or promo code **ZIONMEN** for the July 23rd game!

Scan QR
Code for Zion
Family Night.



Scan QR Code
for Men's
Ministry Night.



Brief overview of the 2023 Western ND Synod assembly



Pastor Natasha, Pastor Elaine, and Chris Torgeson in attendance.

Western North Dakota Synod gathered together in Bismarck June 3-5, 2022 for Synod Assembly. The theme for the Assembly was “Welcomed | Included | Called | Equipped.”

Synod Assembly began Friday afternoon with Pre-Assembly workshops and a Banquet Celebrating our Synod camps. Saturday morning, worship included with a Land Acknowledgement honoring our Indigenous siblings. The Rev. Robert Schmidt from Bethel and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches in New Town, ND served as our Assembly Chaplain and offered the sermon during opening worship and prayer throughout the assembly. This year, Sunday offered the entire synod an opportunity to worship together as Bishop Schweitzer shared a message with the assembly that was also shared via video or read by lay ministers in local congregations gathering in worship across the synod. Bible Study was lead by Dr. Michael Chan and all four bible studies are available on the synod Vimeo page - <https://vimeo.com/wndsynod>.

Throughout the assembly, we heard of the ways we are being invited to share the story of Jesus through our welcome, inclusion, calling, and equipping as a synod. ELCA presiding bishop Elizabeth Eaton shared a video message about living out our baptismal calling in an ever-changing church and world

A variety of workshop were offered Friday and Saturday afternoon for learning and equipping, covering a variety of topics.

4 Resolutions where brought forward and passed; Western ND Synod Ministry Financial Plan for 2024, 2024 Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers, Resolution Concerning Amendments to the Synod Constitution, and a Resolution Concerning Pulpit Supply Compensation.

~Pastor Natasha

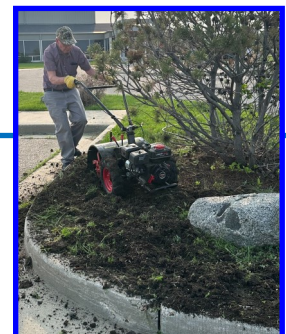
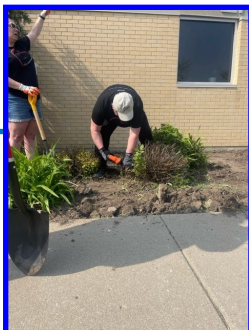
Building and Grounds Committee

By Rich Jensen

Introducing the Zion Building and Grounds Committee. Its job is to develop and recommend policies and procedures about maintenance and general use of building and properties. Also, to make regular inspections of the building, grounds and equipment, and make recommendations to the church council. Members of this committee are Korby Steward, Todd Assendorf, Chad Beggs, and Rich Jensen. Staff members directly involved are Eric Burckhard and Jen Barta. It is the hope that we can grow this committee to two more members.

Probably the biggest undertaking of this group is the Spring Clean-Up Day held on May 24th. A good number of volunteers worked to pick up rocks on the north lawn along the streets, pulling weeds and dead plants and bushes, and just overall cleaning.

We always talk about the church, and that it is not a building but the people. We can all agree on that, and we sing about that when we sing The Church Song “We Are the Church, the Body of our Lord. We are all God’s children, and we have been restored.” But the church needs to sometimes be a location to provide a welcoming place to the lonely, where you can find peace when you enter and as you are here. So your Building and Grounds Committee is dedicated to maintaining a place for us to gather, and find the connection with one another.



ZION'S SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

We, as a congregation, will be collecting items July and August for our local animal shelters and rescues. Feel free to bring any of the following items to be donated to the shelters.

- *Cat Litter & Boxes
- *Kitten/Cat Food (Dry/Wet)
- *Puppy/Dog Food
- *Cat/Dog Treats
- *Cat/Dog Toys
- *Unscented Liquid Detergent
- *Bleach

*Dish Soap

*We will kick-off our mission project on **Wed, July 5th** at our **Wed Night Worship/Pet Blessing**



Zion Walkers

Our weekly Zion walkers have been really enjoying healthy activity, fellowship and the beautiful weather this past 2 months.

Weekly on Wednesday at 9am

Meet at Zion EXCEPT...

July 5th—Meet at Outdoor Rec Trail
(across from Berry Acres)

Aug 2nd—Meet at Oak Park to walk



Zion's First Date Night Event

Up Your Axe

*It was so fun spending some time in fellowship and learning how to throw axes. We look forward to more Zion Date Nights this fall!



Outdoor Enhancement Update

The month of June has been very productive for our Outdoor Enhancement Space.

*Access to plumbing on the north side of the building has been completed.

*Stage/Meeting Area has been completed.

*Sidewalk access to the stage area completed.

*3-sided house pads completed.

These are all great additions to our picnic table/benches completed this past fall.

We look forward to using this for our Wednesday night worship as well as a space for gatherings throughout the summer.

**All funds for the Outdoor Enhancement Project were previously donated and do not come from the General Fund. Thank you to all previous donors and volunteers.*

Day Camp/VBS at Zion

*Registration Deadline is Wed, July 12th

***Grades 1-6—July 17-21**

- *For all ENTERING Grades 1-6
- * 9am-3pm (Mon-Thurs) & 9-11am (Fri)
- *Lock-in will be Wed Night for all those ENTERING Grades 4-6
- *Cost: \$45 for members
\$50 for non-members

***PreK/K Day Camp—July 17-19**

- *For all ENTERING Kindergarten/Preschool
- *9:00 am-12:30 pm (Mon-Wed)
- *Cost: \$35 for members
\$40 for non-members

***Program/Worship** for ALL (Preschool-Gr. 6)

*Wed, July 19th at 6:15pm

Preveiw of FALL SCHEDULE

- Backpack Blessing—Wednesday, August 30th**
- Church School** will begin **October 1st/4th.**
All students 4 years old (by September 1st) through 5th Grade should be registered for Church School PRIOR to September 6th. Our sessions have filled up in the past.
- Children's Ministries**—Join our team as we plan events for our children and families—**Monday, Sept 11th at 6:30pm**
- Church School TRAINING** for all Shepherds and Workshop Leaders/Helpers—**Monday, Sept 25th at 6:30pm**

SUMMER CAMP at CAMP METIGOSHE



Just a reminder to be sure to let the office know if you have a camper registered for Camp Metigoshe. Send your **invoice** to **zionbookkeeper@srt.com**. The

Prayer Shawl Ministry and Zion Trust Fund will pay for half of the cost of the camp for any child member of Zion. If you have not registered for Camp Metigoshe yet, we encourage you to register right away! Sessions are filling fast. They are on their way to a record breaking year for campers! If you need more information, go to the Camp Metigoshe website at www.metigosheministries.com or call the church office.

Half Scholarship from Zion Deadlines

- *Deadline for June Camps was May 1st
- *Deadline for July Camps was June 1st
- *Deadline for August Camps was July 1st
- ◆ If you miss the deadline, you are still eligible for a scholarship reimbursement check. Please submit your paid invoice to zionbookkeeper@srt.com.

Play & Pray Area is specifically set aside for young children during worship. It includes a rug, couch, foam blocks, books and soft toys. This area allows little ones to participate in the rituals of worship through interactive play and enables the whole family to have a quality experience. It is located on the right side of the sanctuary



Activity and Sensory Bags contain board books, crayons, coloring books, and tactile toys to keep little hands occupied. You will find these at the back of the sanctuary.

Coloring Station has various coloring sheets and crayons, markers, and colored pencils. Coloring sheets are rotated to correspond with the lessons and season of the church. We also have a variety of books and the Spark Family magazine. Families are welcome to take the Spark magazine home as a faith resource.

Nursery If your little one simply needs a break, our nursery is staffed during the school year for our education times as well as our Wed and Sun worship services. Our nursery is available for children from birth to 4 years of age. The nursery is open for parents during Sunday services, when not staffed.

CONFIRMATION UPDATES



Summer is still in full swing! But, if you are anything like me, you like to know information sooner rather than later! So mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 10th**. We have three

different groups meeting this day.

6th-9th Grade Confirmation Orientation @ 7pm

This orientation is for all new and current confirmation families!

10th Grade Mentor Year Kick-Off @ 12:30pm This kick-off event is for all students and their mentors for the year!

11th Grade Mentor Year Celebration & How to Write a Faith Statement @ 11am This celebration is for all students and mentors who are ready for their final steps in our confirmation program. Parents will join at 11:45 for the faith statement process.

See you at Zion for your scheduled time!

SENIOR SUNDAY

One last BIG thank you to the Zion Quilters for blessing our Graduating Seniors every year with such a beautiful gift. You make this day of celebration a lot more special!

"Wherever you wander, no matter how dark the night, may the warmth of this quilt, the love of your parents, the fellowship of this church, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Power of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Amen."

Congratulations Class of 2023!



YOUTH GROUP

IGNITE 9TH-12TH GRADE

Summer meeting times will vary

Happy Summer! We are not going to save all of the youth group fun for just the school year! We have a variety of different events planned for you in the coming months. Check out these dates and activities and I hope to see you there!

More information regarding time, money and travel for each event will be sent out via Remind.



June 28th– MSU Summer Theater– Dr. Doolittle

July 19th– Camp Metigoshe High Ropes and Christ Hike

August 9th– Raging Rivers in Mandan

See you there!

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know "*When working in the heat, (you should) drink 1 cup (8 ounces) of water every 15-20 minutes?*"

StateParks.utah.gov

It has already been a hot summer and we are only now entering July. Between going to the lake, playing sports, watching your favorite team at a baseball game or even working outside, make sure you are drinking enough water! I like to add Mio or Crystal Light packs to my water for something fun to drink. Stay safe and healthy this summer!

Prayer: God of all creation, be with us as we work and play outside in your awesome creation. Help us to remember to take care of ourselves as we are also a part of your wonderful creation. Amen.

KORTNI'S KORY CORNER



Q: Where did Noah keep the bees on The Ark?

A: In the Ark Hives!

Q: How much does a Pirate pay for corn?

A: A buccaneer!

We want to give a big thank you to our confirmation kids for creating and leading a fun-filled Worship service on Wed. May 10th. Also, thank you for our Men's Ministry for barbecuing a great church supper before worship.

~Zion Staff



Congratulations to Pastor Joel Hernes on 60 Years of Ordination Anniversary. We celebrated with pictures of his ministry throughout the years and a colorful flower planter.



Music Director

We are looking for a part time music director who loves worship, is skilled at inviting, collaborating, and growing the musical offerings of a vibrant congregation, and is dedicated to living out the love of Jesus.

For more info or to submit resume
Email zionbookkeeper@srt.com

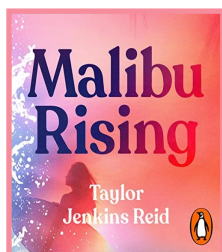


Grief Ministry

For many years, Eunice Simbalenko had volunteered to send grief support materials to families who had lost loved ones and had their funerals at Zion Lutheran. As her time of volunteering has drawn to a close, we want to sincerely thank her for her kind and compassionate acts of love for these families.

Thank You Eunice.

Another kind soul has volunteered to take up this important ministry: **JoAnne Hendricks!** Let's welcome her to this new position!



Book Club

Next Meeting: Tues. September 12th @ 6:30pm.

Malibu Rising: Malibu: August 1983. It's the day of Nina Riva's annual end-of-summer party, and anticipation is at a fever pitch. Everyone wants to be around the famous Rivas: Nina, the talented surfer and supermodel; brothers Jay and Hud, one a championship surfer, the other a renowned photographer; and their adored baby sister, Kit. The only person not looking forward to the party of the year is Nina herself. By midnight the party will be completely out of control. By morning, the Riva mansion will have gone up in flames. But before that first spark in the early hours before dawn, the alcohol will flow, the music will play, and the loves and secrets that shaped this family's generations will all come rising to the surface.

Malibu Rising is a story about one unforgettable night in the life of a family: the night they each have to choose what they will keep from the people who made them . . . and what they will leave behind. (Excerpt from Amazon.com)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 5pm: Worship
2 9:15am: Coffee & Fellowship 10am: Worship	3	4 Office is Closed 	5 9am: Zion Walkers @ Minot Outdoor Rec Area 10:30am: Team Mtg 12pm: Bible Study 5:30pm: Potluck, Play, and Fellowship 6:15pm: Worship	6 6:35pm: Zion Hot-Tots Game @ Corbett Field 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon Mtg 	7 	8 5pm: Worship
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Lutheran Campus Ministries

Party in the Park! Join us at **Oak Park on Sunday, July 9th from 1-4pm** to support Lutheran Campus Ministry at MSU and have some fun! We'll have inflatables, free face painting, rock painting, and corn hole at shelter 7, which is between the amphitheater and the main parking lot. Come have some fun and check out our awesome silent auction items and 50/50 raffle (whoever wins will get half of how much was raised in the raffle) as we support our ministry to youth at MSU. Watch the LCM Facebook page as we get closer to see what silent auction items are available (@Lutheran Campus Ministry-MSU). See you there!

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SINGLES' NIGHT

At the Food Truck Festival, Minot Oak Park, Sun. Aug. 27th @ 12pm

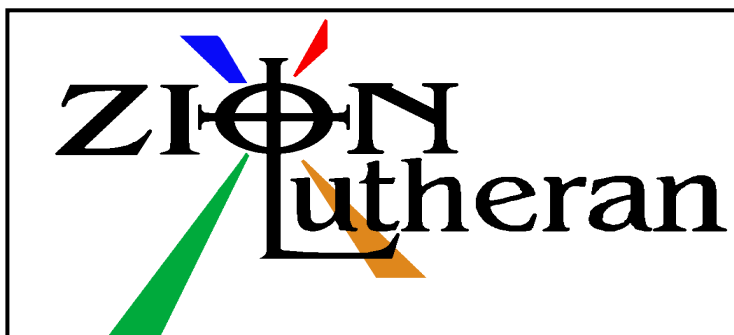
Inviting all the wonderful single ladies and men of Zion to connect for the first of our anticipated quarterly social events. Mark Sunday Aug. 27th on your calendar. Meet near the Amphitheatre in Oak Park at noon. Look for the Zion tent and Pastor Natasha. Admission to the Food Truck Festival is \$5. This Minot Park's event features tasty food trucks, live music, shopping and outdoor games. What a wonderful opportunity to meet other great singles and single parents in our congregation. We are excited to begin this ministry of support and connection.

Events are subject to change.

View our website at <https://zionlutheranminot.org/-under> Events >Calendar

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Our Purpose:

Loved by God – Living out the Love of Jesus

Our Guiding Principles:

growing spiritually to be more like Jesus
actively caring for one another
welcoming and inviting all people
giving generously to join in God's work
joyfully serving as Christ's hands and feet
living faithfully in daily life

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