

THE VISITOR

September & October 2022

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

As summer turns to fall the landscape of our community changes. Autumn colors emerge, days grow shorter, hoodies and pumpkin spice coffee replace t-shirts and iced coffee, and we start to prepare for the winter months ahead. For Zion, fall means the start of renewing LIFE groups, the sound of children returning for church school, and chatter of teenagers returning to confirmation classes. Not only is our staff busy with preparing for all things church, our many volunteers like confirmation guides, church school helpers, FFF families, church council, office helpers, personnel committee, building committee, and many more are gathering and planning.



Along with all the happenings at Zion this fall, you all will be invited to engage in a **congregational renewal process** with the church consultant group, Leaderwise. This is an opportunity that has been afforded to us by the generosity of the Lilly Grant I received in 2020. A portion of this grant was designated for congregational renewal. We will be exploring where have we been, where are we, and what God is calling us to do. This process is led by Cindy Halvorson and Becca Fletcher of Leaderwise Church consultants. During this process there will be many opportunities for the congregation to be actively involved in the conversations about our history, our present, and our future. We have already started this process with the church council and Leaderwise. The council brought forward names of members from our congregation of all ages, backgrounds, and gender to be interviewed one on one by our consultants. These interviews will give our consultants an overview of who we are, where our strengths are and where we have challenges.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, September 16th at 6-8:30 pm with Appetizers Congregational HISTORY Event

- Open to the entire congregation
- Event exploring the history of the church and its community
 - How have people and events from the past shaped the present?
 - What are the high and low points of Zion's history and how do they affect the present?
 - How do the past, present, and future relate to each other?



Sunday, September 17th at 11am-2pm with Brunch Congregational LEARNING Event

- Open to the entire congregation
- Educational event about how individuals and groups function and influence the church as a whole.
- Includes opportunities for individuals and small groups to provide additional information and feedback.



Thursday, October 12th at 6-7:30pm with Dessert Congregational REPORTING Event

- Open to the entire congregation
- Event at which the consultants' report is presented
 - * Consultants read report
 - * Congregation receives written copy of report to read for themselves
 - * Q&A time for those present



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Another layer to this the renewal process is an **Action Planning Team (APT)**. The team of 4-10 people will lead the congregation's response and efforts. The team will include a mix of skills: communication, motivation, and imagination. Consultants will attend the first meeting via Zoom and one additional meeting.

The Action Planning Team (APT) will:

- *Begin with report, sets priorities, brainstorm and how to implement them
- *Identifies and assembles necessary resources (people, materials, etc.)
- *Communicates progress to congregation

Information about our gifted Consultants:

- Trained ministry professionals bring experience, curiosity, honesty, and fresh perspective
- Customize BridgeBuilder (Congregational Renewal) for each particular context and need
- Create educational and information-gathering materials for events (church may be asked to make copies)
- Facilitate in-person events
- Analyze and synthesize data
- Work in pairs for mutual accountability
- Remain neutral and unattached to a particular outcome
- Believe the church and its people are the experts and that the outcome is the church's to determine.

We are blessed to be a blessing as we live out our calling-living out the love of Jesus.

Grace upon grace, Pastor Natasha Kolles

IN MEMORY OF DENE' HANSEN

Music Fund

Bob/Connie Knudson

Dale/Kay Mattern

Undesignated Memorials

Charles/Sandra Swenson

Larry Wahlund



Janelle/Gerald Peterson

Judy Teets

Mary Ann/Brad Johnson

Cindy/Dennis Nordquist

IN MEMORY OF LOTTIE JEAN GRIFFIN

IN MEMORY OF BOB JOHNSTAD

ZLCW

Butch/Ruth Ann Rexine

Trust

Bob/Connie Knudson

IN MEMORY OF STEVE SCHIELE

IN MEMORY OF GENEVIEVE STEWART

Trust

Bob/Connie Knudson

Undesignated Memorials

Dave/Margo Kabbenhoft

IN MEMORY OF TESSA ASENDORF

Outdoor Enhancement/Playground

John/Glenda Streccius

Funds you may donate in memory/honor of someone:

Zion General Fund
Building Fund
Community Outreach
Education
Global Missions
Music Ministry
Outdoor Enhancement
Prayer Shawl
Trust
Youth Ministry
ZLCW

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



July/August 2023

Baptisms

Izzobella Amanda DeWitt 07/05

Ryker Alan Gardiner 07/15

Karter Jay Morris 08/13

Kaysen Tim Morris 08/13

Carson Layne Oja 08/20

Hannah Ann Krukenberg 08/30

Funerals

Joanne Farden 07/21

Lois Tandberg 08/22

Bob Knudson 08/26

Weddings

None



BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE:

Come celebrate with Glenn Hasby (95) & Ollie Brenna (92) as they mark another milestone as siblings!

Sunday, September 3rd
2-4pm

At Glenn's house
900 Sycamore Ave SE, Minot
***NO gifts please!**

Cards can be sent:
Glenn: 900 Sycamore Ave SE
Ollie: 905 Sycamore Ave SE

Financials	Year to Date Jan 1st-July 31st
Offering	\$286,600.08
Other Income	\$57,083.86
Expected Transfer from Savings	\$28,691.71
Expenses	\$420,657.30
Surplus/Deficit	-\$48,281.65

Worship Date	One-Site	Online	Total
1, 2, 5-July	151	202	353
8, 9, 12-July	116	136	214
15,16, 19-July	219	259	478
22, 23, 26-July	97	110	207
29, 30-July, 2-Aug	105	110	215
5, 6, 9-Aug	124	82	206
12, 13, 16-Aug	135	122	257
19, 20, 23-Aug	126	156	282



Important News for RebelGivers!

We recently identified an error in RebelGive (our online giving system) which has affected some of our regular automatic givers. Some families and individuals who had been giving regularly (like monthly) in 2022, discovered that their automatic giving did not continue in 2023. This has resulted in 8 months of missed givings that they had expected were being automatically withdrawn and given to the church (January through now).

We are asking those who use RebelGive to please check that their automatic givings are working as intended. The potential good news is this may explain part or (cross your fingers) nearly all of our \$48,000 operating deficit year to date.

If you have been affected by this RebelGive problem, please contact Zion's church treasurer Erica Atkinson at ericaatkinson37@gmail.com or call 701-340-0611. If you are able to back-give offerings for previous months, or are able to give an extra financial gift to help bridge our current financial gap; it would be greatly appreciated!

We are researching the source of the original RebelGive problem to see if it was a system update on their end, or some system error on our end. We continue to have good trust in the Rebel Give system and believe this was a one-time problem. We will be increasing financial oversight in this area to prevent future issues. Thank you again for checking that your financial support to Zion is being withdrawn as intended. We are so grateful to each one of you who supports Zion's ministry.

-Blessings, Pastor Elaine Sweet and Zion Church Council

September is Trust Envelope Month

If you have been keeping track, we currently have three large financial needs at Zion:

1) 2023 operating deficit 2) Heat replacement and 3) The National Youth Gathering trip.

Zion's Trust committee is creatively considering how they can partner to lift the weight of these needs. Two of the three needs they are actively working on funding support plans. We are so grateful.

Since September is Trust Envelope Month, Trust has generously offered to use their Trust envelopes to fund our Heat Replacement. Simply use your special Trust envelope and givings will go to our **\$75K HEAT appeal**. Any undesignated Trust income through your September Trust envelopes will go to our heating need. If there is other good work of Trust you wish to fund, please mark your September Trust envelope as 'Trust' and your gift will go to those purposes.

The other need Trust hopes to assist is with our youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July of 2024. We are excited and relieved that Trust anticipates being able to financially assist in some-way with our youth having this impactful faith experience!

If you see a member of the Trust committee, or the Trust Chair, Kent Kirkhammer, please thank them for their service and financial stewardship of Zion.



Heat Fundraiser



Are you a summer or a winter lover? Regardless of your weather preference you probably prefer somewhere around a constant 70 degree thermostat indoors. Us too. So here is where we could use your help. **The main heating system for our sanctuary that is 16 years old, can no longer be repaired.** We need to immediately replace it. Gulp. The initial bids are all coming in around \$70,000. Double gulp. **Our church now needs to come together and raise \$75,000 quickly** (because we all know projects routinely come in over budget and final bids are still being worked out).

Here's how you can get involved:

- 1) Donate a special gift to the church and mark it with one word 'HEAT'
- 2) Offer to lead or volunteer for a fundraising team to creatively raise funds. We'd love your fundraising ideas!

*Together we can keep your worship space comfortable for all our worship times, funerals and weddings. We know Zion is important to you and we appreciate your assistance in reaching our \$75,000 goal quickly. Thank you in advance.

Building & Grounds Update

Doesn't your church look amazing? We are so fortunate to have our awesome Custodian, Eric, who takes such impressive care of our building inside and out. Please say an extra thank you when you see him. Eric has some extra help from Jody Goetz (for interior) and Brooke Plorin (for exterior this summer).

Plus, we have a newly re-activated Building and Grounds committee who are leading decision-making to keep Zion's structure and grounds in great shape. Here are a few projects they are addressing.

- 1) The **SW entrance** had hoped to have a new awning constructed to assist with a snow issue at that entrance. Due to current financial constraints Building & Grounds committee and Council decided to try a less expensive approach first. A snow fence will be used this year in hopes of keeping that entrance freer of drifts and ice.
- 2) One of our freezers died. Being frugal, a new household grade rather than commercial grade stand up **freezer** will be purchased this fall. The savings was large. Our freezers are well utilized year round for all of the meals and luncheons served.
- 3) Our sanctuary cooling and heating system is unrepairable. Bids continue to be received, but as we await final numbers after exhausting all of the options, a **HEAT** fundraiser of \$75,000 has just begun.
- 4) **Exterior flowers** were planted this summer and watered with love all summer. What a beautiful pop of color around our building.

If you would love to help with any of these projects or have other ideas for our fantastic building and grounds, please contact the Committee Chair, Korby Seward.

Cub Scouts Pack #4432 Update

- ATTENTION KIDS AGES Kindergarten through 5th Grade! You are ALL invited to check out our Cub Scouts Pack!
- Our Cub Scout Pack is recruiting for the new year. There will be a parent orientation on September 28th at 6pm at Zion. Students and Families are welcome to attend. There are dens for boys, girls and mixed boys/girls. Come check it out!



Fall Worship Schedule

Beginning Sept 9th & 10th

- Saturday 5pm
- Sunday 10am
 - 1st & 3rd Traditional
 - 2nd & 4th Led by Praise Band
- Wednesday 6:15pm Led by Guitar



Office will be **CLOSED** on
Monday, September 4th



Men's Breakfast & Devotion

Men's Ministry will be offering monthly breakfast gatherings for all the men of Zion. **Join other dudes/fellows/gentlemen for breakfast, prayer and conversation.** There are some awesome men in our church you should get to know better. Monthly meetings will be on a weekday and the following month on a weekend so that working men can attend.

We look forward to starting Men's Breakfasts on
Mon, Sept 25th 9-10am and Sun, Oct 22nd 9-10am.

If you are handy in the kitchen and would like to lead or help prepare September or October breakfast contact the church office 701-852-1872.

Widows & Widowers

**Lunch & Support
with Pastor Elaine**

**Wednesday, September 13th
at 1pm. We will meet at
Homesteaders.**



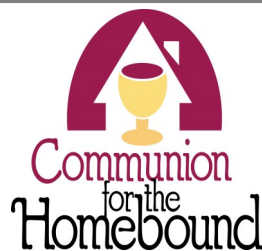
The Sacred Practice of HOLY LISTENING

Our next Holy Listening
Event will be

Sunday, October 22nd from 6:30-8pm
at Bootlegger's in the back room.

Join us for an evening of
listening and learning!

The following groups & ministries are resuming this fall. You are invited to attend any of the following (*bring a friend*):



Zion's Home Communion Ministers play a huge role in keeping our homebound members connected to our church. Your time commitment is only once per month with 1-3 people to visit. We provide all the needed training.

If you are interested in becoming a Zion Home Communion Minister, please contact the office. If you know of a member who is homebound or in a nursing home and interested in receiving visits, please inform Pastor Natasha.



Meets @ 2pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Board Room.

This circle joins together for a monthly Bible study led by one of our pastors. Contact the office for more information.

Next meeting is Thurs, Sept 7th @ 2pm.



Quilting Ministry
Meets @ 9am on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Fellowship Hall.

Many hands are needed to cut pieces, pin, sew and tie.

No experience necessary!

First meeting is Mon, Sept 18th @ 9am.



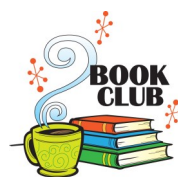
Meets every Tuesday 1pm in the Board Room

This group meets weekly to enjoy the art of painting. You do not have to know how to paint to join. A short lesson is given at the beginning of the

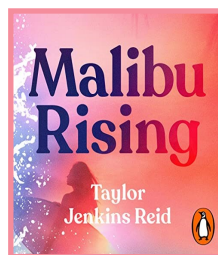
session, then conversation and painting on your own continues until 4pm. Bring your own supplies and any paint medium except latex paints due to allergies.

Meets @ 6:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall.

Book Club



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*)

Next meeting is Tues, Sept 12th at 6:30pm



Meets @ 5:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Youth Room.

Yarn is available if you wish to make shawls at home.

Prayer Shawls are given to people who are seriously ill or grieving.

First meeting is Tues, Sept 12th @ 5:30pm



Sisterhood Ministry
Meets monthly

Meet other women of the church while learning, celebrating and being a servant of God through monthly service projects throughout the year.

We will be gathering with all women interested in joining on Sun, Sept 24th at 11am for PIZZA in the Fellowship Hall.



Would you like to join Zion?

Are you enjoying life with your Zion church family and want to make it official?

Attend the Next New Member Welcome Time

Sunday, Oct 15th 9-9:45am in the Fellowship Hall

During this time we will explain the beautiful history of this church, the theology of the ELCA, introduce you to leaders in the church, answer questions and help you get better connected with the church. We will give you greater information about Zion, welcome you to vote, serve and lead as you desire in our congregation.

New members will be received at the 10am worship service that morning. If you are interested in joining Zion, please contact the office (852-1872 or zlc@srt.com) to be added to the new member list. Information regarding orientation will be emailed/mailed the middle of September.

Can I join Zion, if I can't attend Sun. Oct. 15th's New Member Welcome? YES! There is a new member form in the office. Complete the form to identify your intention to join as a member. We'll recognize you, even in your absence. Though you'll miss the applause and the opportunity to say and receive words of support from your church, we'll know your intentions are to be bonded with Zion.

One Good Sermon

I bet you could preach one good sermon. **Did you know that in our Western ND Synod there are currently 34 churches without a pastor!?** Most of these are within one hour of Minot.

Here's an idea to help out our neighboring churches. Pastor Elaine will be offering three evenings to help you craft 'one good sermon'. Many of us with a little coaching could step into the pulpit of one of our neighboring small rural churches and give them one encouraging sermon. You will have the opportunity to meet, bring greetings on behalf of Zion, allow a sister church to feel remembered by their neighboring churches, and fill a real need.

So, if you have ever thought "I wonder if I could preach?". Here's your chance. **We'd like to invite men and women, from seniors to teenagers to consider giving 'one good sermon'.** Pastor Elaine will lead you every step of the way. Together you'll craft one message you can take to one church, or even the same 'good sermon' you can take to multiple churches. What a blessing!

Meet with Pastor Elaine on these tentative dates:

- **Tues, Oct 3rd 6-7pm**
- **Tues, Oct 10th 6-7pm**
- **Tues, Oct 17th 5:30-6:30pm** (we'll adjust dates to fit the schedule of those interested)

Day 1: Choose a Scripture/Bible Story you love that you'd like to explore for a basis of your sermon. Learn some do's and don'ts for creating a sermon the congregation will love. Discuss the three page sermon model from Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson.

Day 2: Share your preparations thus far and receive group assistance on your sermon preparation. Learn do's and don'ts for sermon delivery and worship presentation. Discuss theology in your sermon. Title your sermon. Discuss children's sermons and if you might want to try one or not.

Day 3: Workshop portions of your 'one good sermon' where you may be feeling stuck. Submit a printed copy of your sermon to Pastor Elaine for feedback. Practice worship leadership. Receive a contact list for churches seeking pulpit supply preachers. Receive a blessing for this good work.

Pulpit supply preachers visit congregations, lead worship, and receive payment from that congregation for this work. Compensation is typically \$150 + mileage. The need is unusually high at this time. We hope God is giving you a holy nudge to consider this great opportunity. Talk to Pastor Elaine to express your interest (pastorelainesveet@gmail.com). We'd love to have a group of 4-16 pursuing 'One Good Sermon'.



ZION Staff Changes



One of things that makes Zion so strong and special is its staff. We have been fortunate to have many great staff people serve our congregation over its 125 years. In August, two staff members made the transition to other work. We have been blessed by their time with us and wish them well in their next work endeavors. Our Operations Director, Jen Barta, completed her work with us Aug. 11th. Our Office Administrator, Crystal Larson, finished her work with us Aug. 18th.

Personnel and Church Council are actively working to fill our office needs both in the interim and with new hires. We will share the happy news when replacements have been secured, and we have new people to welcome. Please extend a little extra grace to Pastor Elaine, Pastor Natasha, Chris and Kortni, as they take on extra responsibilities while we await our next office personnel.

Thank you to our Personnel Committee and Church Council as they navigate this staffing transition, especially Personnel Chair, Luke Schaefer, and Council President, John Butgereit.

I wish to thank everyone for the opportunity to work at Zion. I have enjoyed working here and have made many friendships. My last day was August 11th.



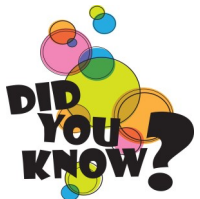
~Jennifer Barta, Operations Director

Dear Zion Lutheran,
Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to work for Zion Lutheran Church! I felt welcomed, supported and loved. I found a community full of grace, generosity and love. I will miss you! My last day was August 18th.



Love, Crystal Larson, Office Administrator

Check out Zion's website: Mobile Friendly! **www.zionlutheranminot.org**



The best way to learn about all things Zion and find out about upcoming events is through Zion's website: **www.zionlutheranminot.org**.

You can add the Zion website right to your mobile device just like an app.

For Apple Devices



- 1) Go to **www.zionlutheranminot.org** on your **Safari browser**.
- 2) Depending on your device, at the top or bottom of the screen you'll see an icon depicting an arrow that looks like it's trying to get away from the square. Tap this button.
- 3) Once tapped, you will have a few options. Swipe left until you see the **"Add to Home Screen"** option. Select this one.
- 4) You'll be asked to choose a name for the home screen icon; hit **"add"** in the top left when you've picked one. When you're done, Zion will be your home screen.

For Android Devices



android

- 1) Go to **www.zionlutheranminot.org** on your **Chrome browser**.
- 2) Touch the overflow button (three vertical dots) and select **"Add to Home Screen"**.
(One recommendation: you can customize the text below the icon - touch the text inside of the "Add to Home Screen" box and change it up.)
- 3) All you have to do is touch **"add"** and the site will join your other apps.

LIFE Groups are BACK!

LIFE (Living in Faith Everyday) Groups are:

- Groups of 8-12 people
- People who meet in homes or at church with a **LIFE Group Host**.
- “Sermon Chats,” which are guided conversations based around the previous week’s sermon and scripture readings led by a **LIFE Group Facilitator**.
- LIFE Groups will gathering for **four** weeks starting the first week of Sept.

What Will We Study?

- **This fall’s series is “God’s Work in Our Lives: Shaping and Leading in our Past, Present and Future.”** We will be looking at the Old Testament stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Esau, Laban and Rachel; growing our understanding of their tests, trials, and opportunities. We’ll consider how God is at work in our lives today individually, over generations and through our congregation of Zion.

How do I sign up?

- Talk to the staff and we will be sure to get you placed with a group.



NURSERY MINISTRY

We provide nursery care during our
**Sun Morning (9:45-11am) &
Wed Evening (6-7pm)
Worship Services.**

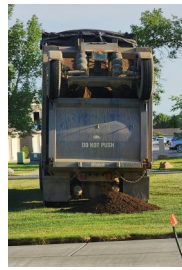
We also provide childcare during any of our
**Faith Formation times
(Church School/Confirmation).**

- Sundays 9-9:45am
- Wednesday 4:15-6pm
- Wednesday 7-8pm



Childcare is also provided during special events
or as needed for meetings.

Outdoor Enhancement Update



- Topsoil Delivery to build our sliding hill and tunnel.

- Our first **OFFICIAL** Worship on the Patio—**Aug 9th**



What’s left to do this fall?

- Pour the northbound sidewalk from the patio/stage area
- Construct the sliding and tunnel hills
- Archway will be built at the north gate entrance to the property
- Fencing will be installed on the northwest corner of the property

*Reminder all funds for this project have been secured through previously designated gifts.

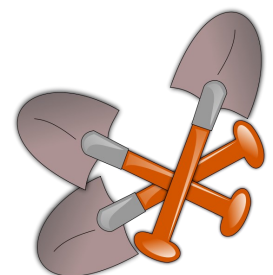
FOR EVERYONE~

SUNDAY, SEPT 10TH—BUILD DAY

- We will gather as a congregation to build our slide and tunnel hills at 11:00am
- We will serve lunch and then have some fun playing in the dirt.

Needs for Build Day

- PEOPLE—ALL ages—we will have something for everyone—just come and join in the fun**
- 3-4 Skid steers
- Food for lunch—sloppy joes chips, dessert, etc.
- Shovels/Rakes



FAITH EDUCATION by Chris Torgeson

CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

- Registration deadline-Wed, Sept 6th
- Sessions Include:
 - Wed 4:30-5:30pm
 - Wed 7-8pm
 - Sun 9-10am

- Church School Begins:

- Sun, Oct 1st
- Wed, Oct 4th



• PARENT & STUDENT ORIENTATION

- Sun, Oct 1st & Wed, Oct 4th



- **Students and Parents should attend together for the beginning of the class session to complete the needed authorization forms and covenant.**

TRAINING



- **Rotation Training** for ALL Workshop Leaders/Helpers and Shepherds:

Mon, Sept 25th at 6:30pm

Kids' Sabbaths

- Following each rotation our students will share with the congregation the story they have learned during a worship service. The students will sing a few songs, share the story (through reading, skit, puppets, etc) and help throughout the worship service.

- Kids' Sabbaths Dates:

- **Wed, Nov 15th** (NOTICE DAY!)
- **Sat/Sun, Dec 16th/17th**
- **Sun, March 24th**
- **Spring-TBA**



Bible Workshop

Sun, Sept 24th

9-9:55am

This is for all 3rd Graders and any 4th/5th Graders who have not been gifted a Bible from Zion.



Students AND Parents should attend the workshop. The students will be presented their Bibles during the 10am worship service on Sunday the 24th.

Registration form is available on our website.

Please register before Sept 22nd

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

September

- 5:15-6:15**—Food Faith Family (FFF) Supper
- 6:15-7:00**—Worship (LIFE Group Series)
- 7:00-8:30**—LIFE Group Meetings (if desired)

Beginning October 4th

- 4:30-5:30**—Church School Session I
- 5:15-6:15**—FFF Supper
- 6:15-7:00**—Wednesday Night Worship
- 6:15-8:00**—Confirmation Events
- 7:00-8:00**—Church School Session II

Children's Ministries Team

- Join our team as we plan events for our children and families—**Mon, Sept 11th at 6:30pm** here at **Zion**. Talk to Chris if you have any questions.

DONATION STATION PROJECT

The Donation Station will be here at Zion Oct 22-Oct 29.

Please plan to bring non-perishable items for the Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry here in Minot. Our Confirmation Students will be collecting food items in several Minot neighborhoods on **Wed, Oct 25th** for their annual Trick or Can Event.



CONFIRMATION UPDATE

We are so excited for the new year of confirmation to begin! We are including our offsite partners again and can't wait to see what fun and learning is ahead this year. Below are some dates to add to your calendars!



SEPTEMBER 10th: 6th-9th Grade Confirmation Orientation

OCTOBER 4th: 6th-8th Grades first night of Confirmation

OCTOBER 19-20th: High School Western ND LYO Gathering in Mandan

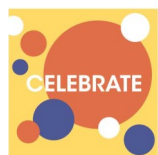
OCTOBER 20-21st: Jr. High Western ND LYO Gathering in Mandan

OCTOBER 25th: Trick-or-Can Night

2023 CONFIRMANDS

We have another group of Zion Confirmands on our hands! Our 11th Graders will affirm their baptism on **Sunday, October 29th at the 10:00am worship service. The congregation is invited to join us for a reception at 9:45am in their honor.**

Students affirming their faith include: Sydney Aberle, Luke Atkinson, Carson Brekke, Griffin Broderick, Nolan Callahan, Carter Coleman, Carson Deaver, Bostyn Edwards, Mason Eichhorn, Ashlynn Getzlaff, Chayse Grosche, Kaden Henderson, Aidyn Hokanson, Medora



Kolles, Jamison Longie, Erin McLean, Brooklyn Mosser, Madyson Rexine, Elisabeth Schaefer, Jayda Schall, Xander Soine, Jayden Thomas, Nicholas Thomas,

Grant Thorson, Elle Tiedman, Kiera Torgeson
Congratulations Confirmands!

Another Great Summer of Youth Group!

Dr. Doolittle at MSU Summer Theater and a Day at Raging Rivers in Mandan!



YOUTH GROUP

IGNITE 9TH -12TH GRADE

It's time for another fun-filled year of High School youth group here at Zion! With the summer coming to an end and school starting up, we will return to meeting weekly! We will meet on **Wednesdays from 8-9:30pm**. Our kick-off night will be **October 11th @ 8pm**. There will be snacks, games and time to talk about what we would like to do this year! I can't wait to gather with you all again!

WESTERN ND LYO GATHERING

October 19th-21st

Last year, having a Jr. High event and a High School event was such a hit, they decided to do it again! Our High School students will gather first on **October 19th at 1pm-20th until 2:30pm**. Then, on **October 20th at 6:30pm-21st until 2:30pm** our Jr. High students will meet! Special guest speakers Agape and Joe Davis will be joining us all weekend. More information to come about registration, cost, and travel plans as it is in Mandan this year.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know **"In North Dakota 42,290 people are facing hunger- and of them 13,690 are children"** -Feedingamerica.org

Every Fall, Zion partners with our friends at the Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry to try and fight the outrageous number facing hunger. An easy way for you to participate is by bring nonperishable goods to the church during the week of October 23rd as we try to fill the Donation Station. We are called as Christians to take care of all of those around us. Your donation could possible serve someone who is facing hunger within our own walls.



God of all creation, help us see those around us who are suffering, and give us the courage to help them where we can. Amen.

KORTNI'S KORNLY CORNER

Q: Where do ghost buy their Halloween candy?
A: At the ghost-ery store!

Q: Why are vampires so easy to fool?
A: Because they are suckers!



BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

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FAITH

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JERUSALEM

BAPTIZE

TEMPTATION

SIN

CREATED BY MELINDA SKAGGS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
3 LIFE Groups #1 9:15am Coffee 10am Worship	4 Office is closed for Labor Day 	5 9am Pastors Text Study 1pm Watercolor Grp	6 9am Zion Walkers 10:30am Team Mtg 12pm Bible Study 2pmZLCW Boar Mtg 5:15pm Food Faith Family Meal 6:15pm Worship (LIFE Groups #1)	7 6pm Girl Scouts Mtg 7:30pm Narcotics Anon	1 Trust Envelope Month	2 LIFE Groups #1 5pm Worship
10 LIFE Groups #2 9:15am Coffee 10am Worship 11am 11th Gr Mtg 11am Outdoor Build Day	11 6:30pm Children's Ministries Team Mtg	12 9am Pastors Text Study 1pm Watercolor Grp 5:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Book Club Mtg	13 9am Zion Walkers 10:30am Team Mtg 12pm Bible Study 1pm Widows and Widowers @ Homesteaders 5:15pm FFF 6:15pm Worship (LIFE Groups #2)	14 2pm Hannah Circle 7pm Scouts #4432 7:30pm Narcotics Anon	15	16 LIFE Groups #3 5pm Worship 6pm Congregational Renewal
17 LIFE Groups #3 9:15am Coffee 10am Worship 11am Congregational Renewal	18 9am Sewing Day 4pm Building & Grounds Team Mtg	19 LCM-Zion's Soup Day 9am Pastors Text Study 10:30am Team Mtg 1pm Watercolor Grp 6:30pm Council Mtg	20 9am Zion Walkers 12pm Bible Study 5:15pm FFF Meal 6:15pm Worship (LIFE Groups#3)	21 6pm Girl Scouts Mtg 7pm Scouts #4432 7:30pm Narcotics Anon	22	23 LIFE Groups #4 5pm Worship
24 LIFE Groups #4 9am Bible Workshop 9:15am Coffee 10am Worship with Bible Presentations 11am Sisterhood Pizza 11am servers Training	25 9am Men's Breakfast 6:30pm Church School Rotation Training	26 9am Pastors Text Study 10:30am Team Mtg 1pm Watercolor Grp	27 9am Zion Walkers 12pm Bible Study 5:15pm FFF Meal 6:15pm Worship (LIFE Groups #4) 7pm Servers Training	28 6pm Scouts #4432 7:30pm Narcotics Anon	29	30 World Communion Day 5pm Worship

1 Global Missions Envelope World Communion Day 9am Church School 9:15am Coffee 10am Worship	2	3 9am Pastors Text Study 10:30am Team Mtg 1pm Watercolor Grp 6pm One Good Sermon Mtg	4 12pm Bible Study 4:30pm Church School 5:15pm Food Faith Family Meal 6:15pm: Worship 7pm Church School & Confirmation	5 6pm Girl Scout Mtg 7:30pm Narcotics Anon	6	7 5pm Worship
8 9am Church School 9:15am Coffee 10am: Worship 3:30pm OA Mtg	9	10 9am Pastors Text Study 10:30am Team Mtg 1pm Watercolor Grp 6pm Girls Scout Mtg 6pm One Good Sermon Mtg	11 12pm Bible Study 4:30pm Church School 5:15pm FFF Meal 6:15pm Worship 7pm Church School & Confirmation 8pm Ignite	12 10am Edgewood Worship 2pm Hannah Circle 6pm Congregational Renewal Report & Pie Event 7pm Scouts #4432 7:30pm Narcotics	13	14 5pm Worship
15 New Member Sunday 9am Church School & New Member Orientation 9:15am Coffee 10am Worship	16 9am Sewing Day	17 9am Pastors Text Study 10:30am Team Mtg 1pm Watercolor Grp 5:30pm One Good ' Sermon Mtg 6:30pm Council Mtg	18 12pm Bible Study 4:30pm Church School 5:15pm FFF Meal 6:15pm Worship 7pm Church School & Confirmation	19 WND LYO Senior High Gathering- In Mandan 6pm Girls Scout Mtg 7pm Scouts #4432 7:30pm: Narcotics	20 WND LYO Junior High Gathering In Mandan	21 5pm Worship
22 9am Men's Break-fast 9am Church School 9:15am Coffee 10am Worship 6:30pm Holy Listening at Bootleggers	23 <div>Donation Station</div>	24 9am Pastors Text Study 10:30am Team Mtg 1pm Watercolor Grp 6:30pm Trust Mtg	25 12pm Bible Study 4:30pm Church School 5:15pm FFF Meal 6pm 6th-9th Gr Conf Trick or Can Event 6:15pm Worship 7pm Church School 8pm Ignite	26 7pm Scouts #4432 7:30pm Narcotics Anon	27 5:30pm Zion Halloween Supper & Fun Night	28 Missions Envelope Weekend 5pm Worship
29 Confirmation Sunday 9am Church School 9:15am Coffee 10am Worship with Affirmation of Baptism	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 9am: Pastors Text Study 10:30am: Team Mtg 1pm: Watercolor				

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Make Zion Greater

You have such an innovative church. You know what makes Zion strong and vibrant? Active congregation members. September is a great time to consider how you can **find a role to play** in your church. Trust us, we a small or large part you can play. Let us equip you to serve or lead well with us! Please fill out this quick survey below. Indicate what you might be willing to do. Someone from the church will contact you in a few weeks to give you more information so you can decide if this might be a good fit. We can all serve in some capacity. **Families** can sign up to help in multiple ways together. The **more people** we have serving, the **fewer times** each group will have to serve. This is YOUR church and especially in these times of transition it is important to come together to serve one another.

There are opportunities for all ages and abilities. A little bit of each person's time goes a long way to strengthen and expand our ministry!

HOW DO I DO THAT?

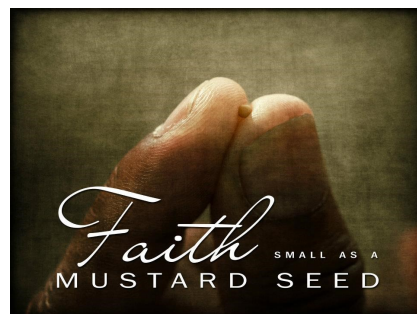
WHAT DOES THIS OPPORTUNITY LOOK LIKE?

If you have these questions, there will be an
introduction and training meeting
for all of our serving opportunities:



⇒ Sun, Sept 24th at 11am

⇒ Wed, Sept 27th at 7pm.



Role	Frequency		Role	Frequency	
	Once/year	Multiple times/yr		Once/year	Multiple times/yr
<i>Worship Assistants:</i>					
Scripture Reader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Communion Server	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Usher (Offering, Seating)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greeter (shake hands)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communion Bucket (kid)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fill In Sound Booth Tech		<input type="checkbox"/>
Altar Guild					
(prepare communion)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Musicians:</i>					
Join the Praise Band	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sing in Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Join the Bell Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worship Song Leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Music (offering)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Join Brass Band	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lead a Choir or Band	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Education:</i>					
Church School Shepherd/Leader		<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Bible Study Leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Join Wed. Supper Team (FFF)					
Prep & Serve Team		<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Care:</i>					
Visitor of Sick or Homebound		<input type="checkbox"/>	Funeral Luncheon Server	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RETURN TO THE CHURCH. PLACE IN "SERVING OTHERS" BOX BY THE OFFICE!

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Return service requested



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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