

THE VISITOR

March 2024

I hope that you are enjoying our Lenten Sermon Series "Stealing Abundant Life" seeing the Gospel through Disney stories. We have always been Disney fans, especially after we had kids. Every new and old Disney movie was played numerous times at home and on long car rides. Our first trip to Disney world was in 2015. Elis was still in a car seat, and my best friend went with us, experiencing her first ever airplane and long-distance travel. I think what attracts us to Disney is the creativity, the use of performance arts, and of course fireworks. It can be a very overwhelming place with crowds of people. S



course fireworks. It can be a very overwhelming place with crowds of people. Some were happy to be there and others not so happy to be there. There can be so much to do in one day and finding the energy to ride swirling teacups after Snow whites mine train rollercoaster and desperately needing a nap can make one a little cranky. One year we went in August and nearly melted in the Florida summer. However, we keep going back finding new adventures like the Tron Ride, next time I really need to keep my eyes open, to admiring all the fantastical artwork spread throughout the parks and resorts.

I've often thought of writing a book entitled "Would Jesus go to Disney World?" I think in many ways the book would be exactly what we are learning in our sermon series. What actions do we take that go against God and loving one another? And where do we see Christ in the midst of our sin? Wherever we traveled we have had negative and positive experiences. Last time we went to Disney World we treated ourselves for the first time at a sit-down restaurant. There was sooo much delicious food. (Disney is the embodiment of overindulgence) We could not eat all of it or take it to go since we were leaving the next day. We felt wasteful and a little gluttonous. When we apologized to the waitress about wasting so much food. She said not to worry, all the food is put into a compost and used to fuel their buses. Good news and a full stomach. Even Disney characters speak the gospel, "Love is putting someone else's needs before yours." —Olaf, Frozen

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." – Jesus, The Bible





Nominations Committee

I would like to extend a gracious thank you to our nominations committee who worked diligently to have an almost complete ballot for 2024. At the time of our annual meeting, we had two spots open. Since then we have had a member volunteer to be our LCM representative, leaving us with only one or two spots open for the Western ND Synod Assembly. Thank you to all who said yes, and to those who are outgoing members. We could not do the wonderful ministry we do at Zion and in our community without you. Here are your new and returning representatives for Council, Trust, Nominations, Metigoshe, and MSU LCM.

Church Council	Trust Committee	Nominations Committee
Matt Stephens	Dan Boyce	Teresa Berntson-Hyson
Joe Stenvold	Dennis Nordquist	Justin Hochhalter
Gary Leslie	Karen Hennesey	Hope Nelson
Amanda Mahlum	Heather Kippen	Mari Shearer
Bostyn Edwards	Shelly Cole	Amy Edwards
Richard Jensen	Rondi Deaver	Sarah Eichhorn
Melissa Helgeson	Kent Kirkhammer	Carrie Lewis
Matt Sundahl	Bill Thomas	Kayla Cole
Sherry Broderick	Sally Butgereit	Erin Heninger
John Gruenberg	Carrie Francis	
	Mike Uran	
	Michael Peterson	
	Brian Eichhorn	
	David DeMers	

<u>Metigoshe Ministries Annual Meeting Representatives</u> – Amy and Bill Thomas

MSU LCM Representatives – Dick Butts and Brooke Plorin

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pastor Natasha Kolles support staff for Nominations Committee

If your interested in being a Western ND Synod assembly representative, it is May 31st-June 2nd in Watford City. If you are interested in going, talk to one of the pastors.

IN MEMORY OF BLAINE KOTASEK

<u>Undesignated</u> Jacky and Kelly Smith

Kay and Dale Mattern

Cathy Aberle and Ann Hambek

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Education: Sheldon and Dawn Whitcher

IN MEMORY OF GRACE LESLIE

<u>Heat</u> Edgar and Carmen Wheeling

Building Fund John Kubler





February 2024- Baptisms

Hendricks Duane Hornecker 2/3/24 Anita Rose Hamm 2/4/2024

January 2024-Funerals

Grace Leslie 1/11/2024 Blaine Kotasek 1/18/2024 Shawn Randash 1/27/2024



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

Zion General Fund ~ Building Fund ~ Community Outreach
Education ~ Global Missions ~ Hand Bells ~ Music Ministry ~ Playground
Prayer Shawl ~ Trust ~ Youth Ministry ~ ZLCW

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

Easter Flowers

Zion will decorate with Spring flowers again this year with a suggested donation of \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$20.00 to help cover the cost of the flowers. Your contribution may be designated In Memory/In Honor/In Celebration of someone. Use the form below or if using the form online, click the green "Give" button at the bottom right of your screen and follow the prompts choosing the Spring Flower Fund.

Deadline for all submissions: Sunday, March 17th

For Easter, the sanctuary with be decorated with spr	ing flowers.
Easter Flower donation □\$5 □\$10 or □\$20	Scan for Online
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To have your loved one(s) name listed in the Easter bulletin, please return this form to the church office by Sunday, March, 17th

The following groups & ministries are happening now! You are invited to attend any of the following (bring a friend):



Men's Breakfast

Come and have breakfast with Zion dudes/fellows/gentlemen where you will eat, pray, and talk. Dick Butts and Rich Jensen will be hosting breakfast and Jim Robb will lead the devotions This group meets once a month.



Next meeting is Saturday, March 16th @9am

HANNAH CIRCLE

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 Thursday, March 14th @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!

Next meeting is Monday, March 18th @ 9am.



Meets every Tuesday 1pm in room 407. You can use the Southwest entrance

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 oil paints due to allergies.



Shawl Ministry **t**

Meets @ 5:30pm on Ministry 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. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 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.

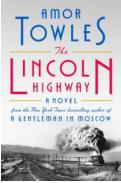
Next Meeting TBD

Evening Quilting Group

Meets on the 3rd Monday of every month

We are gauging the interest in a new quilting group to complement our once monthly morning quilting group. Speak to Pastor Elaine or sign up on the hallway sheet.

First meeting is Monday, March 18th @ 6:30pm.



Book Club— Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30pm.

March's book is The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

"In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have

hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction—to the City of New York."

*Excerpt from Amazon.com

The Next Book Club Meeting is Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30pm



Burger & Trivia Night Fundraiser, Friday March 22nd

We'd like to bring our formal fundraising, for the solution to our sanctuary heating and cooling problem, to a close. We're going to finish with a fun Burger & Trivia Night! Plan to join us. Bring a buddy. Join a



team to compete. All funds raised will support our Heat fund! The remainder of the project will be funded by a loan to Zion from reserved funds, with a plan to repay these funds in coming years. Every dollar raised will help us avoid adding to this loan. Even with 0% interest, not needing to push the payments into the future will relieve a large burden. The final cost is being calculated, but to date we have raised \$18,437.21. The estimated cost is currently between \$75-98,000. Thank you for your support! This event is hosted by the Building & Grounds committee.



Worship Date	On-Site	Online	Total
February 3rd, 4th, and 7th	234	262	496
February 10th, 11th, and 14th	369	332	701
February 17th, 18th and 21st	230	177	407
February 24th and 25th (as of the 26th)	128		



Celebration Corner

Kristi and Todd Asendorf:

"We are celebrating good results in CT scans and lab work. Our/your prayers are making a difference!"

Call or fill out a submission form: 701-852-1872

https://zionlutheranminot.org/celebrationcorner-submissions

Financials





	January	Year to Date
Income	\$45,899.17	\$45,899.17
Expenses	\$50,471.20	\$50,471.20
Net	(\$3,867.97)	(\$3,867.97)

For your continued support of Zion Lutheran

> and Zion's mission!

Youtube! This means we have met two of the three criteria to start earning monetization from Youtube

on the worship services we live stream! Step one was uploading at least 3 videos every 90 days, step two was having 500 subscribers, and step three is having 3000 "watched" hours in the last 365 days. Our online worship catalogue currently has 659 videos, and we have been hovering right around 2700 watch hours. We are so close, with so much

content including past Children's Sabbath, Senior Sundays, and Special Services. Hop on our channel and check out a past service! Thank you for helping us spread the good word beyond our building.

Eric Burckhard – Worship Technician

Find us on YouTube at: @ZionMinot

Holy Communion Education FED & FORGIVEN

*There will be a Holy Communion Education/ Enrichment Event on Wednesday, March 27th

from 5:30-7:00pm (there is NO Church School or worship that evening because it is Holy Week).

This event will be a time of exploring and learning about the sacrament of

Holy Communion through a variety of hands on activities. We hold one event in the fall and one event in the spring. These 2 events together give us a broader understanding of Communion from a Lutheran perspective. The events can be done in any order but families are encouraged to attend both events at some point.

- *Register BY SUNDAY, MARCH 24th. Online registration can be found on our website under Sign-ups and Forms.
- *Please contact Chris if you would like materials to preview prior to the event. I have age appropriate resources available for preK-adults that can be used to enhance the understanding and appreciation of Holy Communion.

CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

- *The Passion Lenten Rotation
 - *Wednesday—March 13 & 20
 - *NO CHURCH SCHOOL MARCH 6th
 - *Sunday-March 10 & 17
 - *NO CHURCH SCHOOL MARCH 3rd
- * Kids' Sabbath-March 24th at 10:00am
 - *Join us Palm Sunday for a special Kids'
 Sabbath as we share what we have
 learned about The Passion-Days of Holy
 Week as well as share some special Palm
 Sunday Music.
 - *PALM SUNDAY
 CARNIVAL! We will be
 having a Palm Sunday
 Carnival following worship
 on March 24th.
 - *CARAMEL ROLLS for sale on Palm Sunday. Come support our youth going to Duluth on a mission trip this summer.

*The Lost Coin & The Lost Sheep Rotation

- *Wednesday-April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1
- *Sunday-April 7, 14, 21, 28 & May 1
- *Kids' Sabbath—WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST at 6:15pm Worship (Kids here by 5:50pm)



*Summer Day Camp/VBS: June 17-21

- *For all ENTERING Grades 1-6
- * 9am-3pm (Mon-Thurs) & 9-11am (Fri)

*PreK/K Day Camp—June 17-19

*For all entering Kindergarten/Preschool *9:00 am-12:30 pm

CAMP METIGSOHE

- * Any Zion Youth attending Camp Metigoshe (or another Bible Camp in Western ND) is encouraged to let us know. We are putting together our Annual Summer—Who's at Camp Board so you can see who is going to camp when!
- * Camp Metigoshe ½ Scholarships-The Zion Trust is once again offering a ½ scholarship to attend 1 session of Camp Metigoshe (or any ELCA Bible Camp) this upcoming summer. If you are interested, please visit with one of the staff.
- * Additional Scholarship Money is available. Contact the church office.

*Children's Ministries Team

- *This team helps support the ministry of our children and families through helping hands for some of our projects, but also to help maintain the vision for the ministry we feel God is calling us to here at Zion.
- * Our next meeting is Monday, March 18th at 6:30pm. This is an important ministry for our children and families. Come be a part of visioning and dreaming about how we can best serve YOU!

Nursery Care IMPORTANT UPDATE

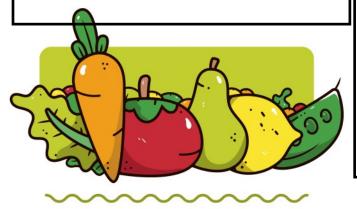


We are so thankful for our Nursery Ministry. Our Nursery has been staffed by part-time paid employees in the past. Beginning this month, our nursery ministry will continue to operate, but now with volunteers.

If you would like to serve as a volunteer in the nursery, please contact Chris. All volunteers will need to complete a background check form per Zion's Child Safety Policy.

We are excited to continue providing this important ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris.



NEW BOOK STUDY For Stay-at-Home and Working Moms

Crazy Busy: A Mercifully Short Book About A Really Big Problem



"I'M TOO BUSY!" We've all heard it. We've all said it. All too often, busyness gets the best of us.

Just one look at our jam-packed schedules tells us how hard it can be to strike a well-reasoned balance between doing nothing and doing it all.

That's why award-winning author and pastor Kevin DeYoung addresses the busyness problem head on in his newest book, *Crazy Busy* — and not with the typical arsenal of time management tips, but rather with the biblical tools we need to get to the source of the issue and pull the problem out by the roots.

Highly practical and super short, Crazy Busy will help you put an end to "busyness as usual."

*When: BEGINS March 13th/14th Wednesday Mornings at 9am OR Thursday Evenings at 7pm

*Register online on Zion's Website or on form outside the office.

*Purchase the book prior to first gathering.

Any Questions: Contact Chris

Food Faith Family Update & Meals for March

March 13th—Chicken Nuggets, Fries, and fruit March 20th—Chili, Soups, and Bread March 27th—Taco Boats, Carrots, Clementines, and Cookies (All Gluten Free)

*Expenses as of Feb 14th: \$480.13 *Income as of Feb 13th: \$1,007.00

**We are blessed to have had several families sponsor a meal in February covering all the food expenses for that evening.

**If your family (or a group of families) would like to sponsor a meal or a portion of a Wednesday meal, please let the office know. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Our 9th grade confirmation class is rocking it this year! They have made sack lunches for those at Project Bee and put together tie blankets for those in need. This upcoming month the 9th grade class will be attending two very different events. The first being going to Thompson Larson Funeral home. There they will learn about the ministry that takes place and how families are supported during a difficult time. The second is a new event. The students have talked about Christianity and Alcohol. They will be attending a Recovery event to learn from those who are changing their lives for the better.

FUNDRASIERS



This summer Pastor Natasha, Pastor Elaine and I will taking two groups of students on mission trips. We are

having our first Jr. High Mission trip to Duluth this summer and Pastor Natasha and I are excited to lead these four brave teens on their first ever mission trip. The second trip led by Pastor Elaine and myself will be going to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering with 14 of our High Schoolers. Excitement is setting in as we are starting to go through the getting ready material. Here are a few upcoming fundraisers you can attend to help support these two trips!

March 24th- Caramel Rolls and Carnival April 21st- Variety Show May 17th-18th- Rummage Sale

Follow us on Facebook to see more details about the upcoming fundraisers!

KORTNI'S CORNY CORNER

Q: What type of bow can't be tied in March? **A:** A rain-bow!

Q: Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patty's Day?

A: Because regular rocks would be too heavy

YOUTH GROUP

IGNITE 9TH-12TH GRADE

Wednesdays from 8-9:30

Mar 6th- No Youth Group MPS Spring Break March 13th- Karaoke March 20th- Easter Cards March 27th- No Youth Group-

Holy Week



HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible study will be Tuesday March 26th! See you all soon!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know... According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, about 1 in 3 adults in the United States reported not getting enough rest or sleep every day?

-National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

March 15th, a very important day in my books for two reasons. First, my birthday. Important but not the topic for today. Second, National Napping Day! I love a good nap when I have the time. Between work, hobbies, social life and trying to keep my place clean, I feel as if there is never enough time to rest for even 20 minutes. The pressures of making sure everything is done gets in the way and we start to neglect our own wellbeing. Often, when the guilt of closing my eyes for a few minutes starts to take over, I remember Jesus also napped. A quick google search will show you the different pieces of scripture saying that Jesus also took a nap. Despite the ever ongoing "Jesus' Todo List" time was found to rejuvenate himself. So if Jesus napped, don't you think you can? Find time to rest on March 15th and any day that your body needs a little break.

God, let us take the time to rest as Jesus did and remember the pressures of the world can wait a few minutes so we can be our better selves.

Amen.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Trust Envelope Month	2 5pm: Worship
3 9:15am: Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship	4	5 1pm: Watercolor Grp	11:30am: Potluck and Lenten Worship 1pm: Widows & Widowers	7 6pm: Girl Scout Troop 10319 Mtg.	ω	9 LCM Soup Offering 5pm: Worship
7pm: Cub Scout Committee Mtg.		5:30pm: Personnell Committee Mtg.	*No evening worship due to MPS break	Anon		
10 LCM Soup Offering 9am:Church School 9:15am: Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship 11am: Praise band rehearsal 3:30pm: Order of the Arrow Mtg		12 1pm: Watercolor Grp 5:30pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm: Girl Scout Admin Mtg. Mtg 6:30pm: Book Club	13 LCM Soup Offering 9am: Moms Book Study 11:30am: Potluck & Lenten Worship 4:30pm: Church School 5:30pm: Food Faith Family Meal 6:15pm: Worship 7pm: 6th-8th, 9th Grade Confirmation & Church School 8pm: Ignite	14 2pm Hannah Circle 7pm: SOUL Book Study 7pm: Cub Scout Pack mtg. 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon	15	16 9am: Men's Breakfast 5pm: Worship
17 St. Patrick's Day 9am: Church School 9:15am: Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship 11:30am: Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby 6:30pm: Holy Listening	9am: Sewing Day 6:30pm: Children's Ministries Team Mtg. 6:30pm: Evening Sewing Day	19: 10:30am: Soup at LCM 1pm: Watercolor Grp 7pm: Food Faith	20 9am: Moms Book Study 11:30am: Potluck & Lenten Worship 4:30pm: Church School 5:30pm: Food Faith Family Meal 6:15pm: Worship 7pm: 6th-8th Grade Confirmation & Church School	21 6pm: Girl Scout Troop 10319 Mtg 7pm: SOUL Book Study 7pm: Cub Scout Pack mtg. 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon	22 Burgers and Trivia Night Fundraiser	23 5pm: Worship
24 Palm Sunday 9am: Church School 9am: Caramel Roll Fundraiser 9:15am: Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship-Kids Sabbath 11am: NOLA Fundraiser Carnival	25 Control of the con	26 1pm:Watercolor Grp 6:30pm: Council Mtg. 6:30pm: Highschool Bible Study	27 9am: Mom's Book Study 5:30pm: Fed and Forgiven 7pm: Church School Training	28 7pm: SOUL Book Study 7pm: Maundy Thursday 7pm: Cub Scout Pack mtg. 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon	29 12pm: Good Friday Worship 7pm: Good Friday Worship	30 *No Worship due to Holy Week

Palm Sunday!



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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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