



Created to Be

I have just returned from experiencing the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans with 14 of Zion's teenagers and our Director of Youth Ministry, Kortni Plorin. One Scripture that was talked about throughout the week was Psalm 139. This Psalm celebrates how mysteriously, purposely, and powerfully we have been made. In love, God has designed us to do great things. This gathering of over 16,000 teens, young adults and their leaders reminded us that we are 'Created to be brave, authentic, free, disruptive, and disciples'. Our teens were empowered to consider

that God has made them with purpose in this world, reminding them that they matter. They are precious, loved, and have power to make a positive impact in the world.

This message is valuable for each of us in any chapter of our lives. You are precious, loved, and have power to make a positive impact in the world. God created you and I to be many things, most of all God created us to love God and love one another. Our work towards this never ceases. Our worship, prayer and connection with God is always wanted. Our care for our community and connection with our community is always needed.

Psalm 139 says, 'I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.' It was a joy to worship with thousands with music, dancing, and impressive speakers. Mostly, it was a joy to witness our young people bond with one another, draw close to each other, create memories together, experience worship and their faith in a new way, and bravely step into a new part of the world together. I am very proud of our teens, their families, and this church for providing this unique opportunity for our young people. Our youth were chosen to serve communion at the final worship. They heard stories of resiliency and hope from a deaf pastor, the first female pastor in Palestine, and immigrant youth. They saw the faces of homeless people daily on the streets around our hotel, and on nearly every street we traveled. They cared for each other when someone was sick, or frustrated. They forgave each other, included each other, listened to each other, and better understood one another.

Transformation comes in our lives sometimes when we open up to new opportunities, new people, and places. New Orleans and this National Youth Gathering had lots of opportunities to teach and shape us. Through this experience, our teens were brave, authentic, more free than probably usual, disruptive (in mostly good ways), and grew as disciples.

When you and I engage our faith, we have the opportunity to grow. I hope the remainder of this summer you find opportunities to grow. Search for a new book that might challenge your faith. Seek out a new podcast to listen to that might help you grow. Attend worship or worship online with us. Get ready for how you can become more involved in your faith and church this Fall. It's exciting to consider how God continues to be at work creating us each to be more beautifully the image of God. Thanks be to God!



Zion's youth @ELCA National Youth Gathering with WND Bishop Craig

IN MEMORY OF DONNA ELGIE

Trust: Pat White

IN MEMORY OF MARLENE HILL

Undesignated: Bev Roen



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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mark your calendars for these great social events at Zion.
Who will you invite to join you?

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| August | -Chili, Mac & Cheese Cook Off | - Wed. August 28th (before worship and Backpack Blessing) |
| September | -Lutefisk Supper | -Sat. Sept. 21st 3-7pm |
| October | -Bingoween (BINGO) | -Sat. Oct. 26th |
| November | -Time & Talent Auction | -Sun. Nov. 3rd |
| December | -Yummy for the Tummy | -Sun Dec. 8th |



It's Back!

Zion's Lutefisk and Meatball dinner will be Sat. September 21st from 3pm-7pm. Dinner will include desserts and lefsa served family style. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 child (6-12), Under 6 free.

*Volunteer sign up for specific jobs and shift times will be



Gratitude Corner

We are so grateful to the Zion families who supported and prepared their teenagers for the two summer trips. Thank you to Junior High Duluth Trip parents: Lisa & Chad Beggs, Natasha & Jared Kolles, Elaine & Eric Sveet, and Rachel & John Gruenberg. Thank you to our High School National Youth Gathering parents: Jen & Ryan Callahan, Angela & Mike Zerr, Chris & Rod Torgeson, Kayla & Shawn Thomas, Laura & Brain Dokken, Amy & Chris Edwards, Trisha & Luke Schaefer, Rachel & John Gruenberg, Stacey & Tim Eskelson, Cherrie Randash, and Eric & Elaine Sveet. Zion is blessed that you prioritize the faith development of your children, are willing to help fundraise with them, and trust them to us while they are away from you. God bless you! - Pastor Elaine

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.



Next meeting is Sat. September 21st



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, Aug. 8th @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 Sept. 16th @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.



Widows & Widowers

Support & Treats with Pastor Elaine.

The next meeting is **Wed. September 4th @1pm**
Sally Butgereit will bring treats.



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.

Next meeting is Tues. Aug. 13th @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.



Zion Walkers Meets Wednesday Mornings

This spring and summer enjoy an opportunity to gather weekly to walk our neighborhood. **9am Wednesdays** we'll meet at the cross by our southeast door for a prayer together and then head out walking together. What a great opportunity to take care of our bodies, connect with each other and church staff, and enjoy the great outdoors.

Last Wed. Walking is Wed. Aug. 28th

Financials

| | Year to Date |
|----------|----------------|
| Income | \$344,205.88 |
| Expenses | \$366,848.51 |
| Net | (-\$22,642.63) |

Thank you

For your continued support of Zion Lutheran and Zion's mission!

| Worship Date | On-Site | Online | Total |
|--------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| July 6th and 7th | 82 | 74 | 156 |
| July 13th and 14th | 88 | 98 | 186 |
| July 20th and 21st | 67 | 100 | 167 |
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4 ways to Give



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Cash or Check
Use giving envelope in offering plate



Bank Pay
Sign up with your bank for recurring giving direct from your account



On-line
RebelGive
for one time giving or recurring giving
www.zionlutheranminot.org



Mailed In
Check or in Giving Envelope to
1800 Hiawatha Street SE
Minot ND 58701

Please scan this QR code to give an offering to ZLC



In July, Pastor Elaine sent Thank You cards to Zion's Top 10 Givers, and Top 20 Givers for the first half of the year (January-June). Every single dollar given to Zion strengthens the ministry we share. The Church Council and Zion's Financial Team, requested that our Lead Pastor send out these special notes of gratitude to those who have been led to give abundantly from their resources. Together God does amazing ministry through us. Thank you to everyone who makes Zion a priority in their charitable giving.



Our building's insurance has gone up \$4,000 in the last three years? Eek!
Thank you for your faithful giving to help Zion cover all costs of ministry.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

We are gearing up for another year of confirmation here at Zion and I couldn't be more thrilled! It's always so quiet here at the church without you guys. Here are some important dates to add to your calendar:

- Sunday August 18th-** 6th Grade and all new confirmation Student orientation
 - Wednesday August 28th-** Backpack Blessing and our 2nd Annual Mac & Cheese and Chili Cook-Off
 - Wednesday September 4th-**First night of confirmation for 6th-8th Graders
- See you all so soon!

MISSION TRIP UPDATES

If you missed the July 6th or July 7th worship service, our 4 youth that attended the first ever Jr. High Mission trips got to talk more about their experience. Some highlights from our time with ServeBoldly in Duluth were:



Helping prepare for CHUM's Annual Rhubarb Festival, Scraping paint at Camp House, Being Hands on

at Second Harvest Food Bank and sorting clothes at the Damiano Center. I couldn't be more proud of this group of kids. The amount of love, work, and spunk they put into this mission trip was outstanding. I am honored to have been an adult leader on this trip.

KORTNI'S CORNY CORNER

- Q: Who came after Augustus?
A: Septembris
- Q: What do you call a Labrador at the beach in August?
A: A hot dog!

YOUTH GROUP

IGNITE 9TH-12TH GRADE

Wednesdays from 8-9:30pm every other week during the Summer.

- August 14th-** Campfire
- August 28th-** Campfire



We will start meeting weekly again on September 11th at 8pm!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know "August 17th is National Nonprofit day?"

Nationaldaycalendar.com

Growing up, I heard the word nonprofit and never really knew what it meant. I mean, it describes itself within itself -Nonprofit- "not making or conducted primarily to make a profit"- but it still never really clicked until I started work here in August of 2018. After working here for 6 years, its hard to wrap my head around places that's main goal is to make a profit.

I feel that the word nonprofit doesn't fully incase what happens within these walls. If our main goal isn't to make a profit, what is it then? I think it is being able to have coffee hour with your friends before worship on Sunday morning. It is being able to watch 70+ kids sing during the Christmas program. It is watching youth grow in their faith during mission trips. It is getting a hug from congregation members after the loss of a loved one. It is community.

The financial contributions you make are not for our own profit, but so we can keep supporting the many different aspects of this community.

*God, thank you for this community.
Amen.*

PRAYER CHAIN has come to an end after very long and dedicated service. For years a phone chain of people would be notified when someone contacted the church requesting their name be added to the prayer chain. With the movement to our prayer list used in worship, and announcement slides, the previous prayer chain was being utilized very rarely, so the group asked if they could be disbanded. With gratitude for their faithful service, Zion does bless the closing of our church Prayer Chain. Thank you especially to our current prayer chain servers; Connie Knudson, Sherlene Nelson, Arcell Boyeff, Glenda Schroeder, Ruth Ann Rexine, Carmen Wheeling, Harry Summers, Kay Mattern, Jacky Smith, Darlene Rust, Joyce Maas, and Vickie Dean Azure.



So what might be next? We are wondering what could begin anew in the absence of our traditional Prayer Chain. **Introducing PRAYER CIRCLE!** We would like to see if there is interest in a group gathering monthly to pray for Zion's people and needs, Minot area needs, national and world needs. The idea is we would meet, listen to the prayer needs the church provides, discuss prayers of joy or concern we are aware of, perhaps read a little together to grow our faith, shared over a little tea and coffee. Consider whether you might enjoy being part of Zion's new Prayer Circle. We're looking at two time options: fourth Wed. of each month **"Day Prayer Circle" 2-3pm or "Evening Prayer Circle" 7-8pm.** Let Pastor Elaine know if you are interested. Beginning August 28th!

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. Our nursery ministry will continue to operate now with volunteers.



Sundays from 8:45 am - 11:15 pm (during Sunday education and 10:00 worship)

Wednesdays from 4:15 pm-5:30pm, 6pm-8:15 pm
(during Wednesday education and 6:15 worship)

-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.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| |  | | | 1 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon Mtg | 2 Office Closed 9:30am: Building Archway | 3 9:30am: Building Archway 5pm: Worship |
| 4 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship | 5  | 6 Amanda's Birthday! (Office Manager) 1pm: Watercolor Group  | 7 9:00am: Zion Walkers | 8 2pm: Hannah Circle 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon Mtg | 9  | 10 5pm: Worship |
| 11 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship and Creed Hancock Baptism 3:30pm: Order of the Arrow Mtg | 12 | 13 1pm: Watercolor Group 5:30pm: Prayer Shawl Min. 6pm: Girl Scout Admin Mtg | 14 9:00am: Zion Walkers | 15 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon Mtg | 16 | 17 5pm: Worship |
| 18 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship 6:30pm: Confirmation Orientation | 19 9am: Sewing Day | 20 1pm: Watercolor Group 6:30pm: Council Mtg | 21 9:00am: Zion Walkers | 22 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon Mtg | 23 | 24 5pm: Worship |
| 25 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship | 26  | 27 1pm: Watercolor Group 6:30pm: Church School Wellness Rotation Training | 28 9:00am: Zion Walkers 5:00pm: Chili, Mac & Cheese Cook Off 6:15pm Worship- Backpack Blessing | 29 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon Mtg | 30  | 31 5pm: Worship |

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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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