



August is the summer month of transition. We prepare for the fullness of fall activities even as we try to hold on to the beauty and often slower pace of summer. Zion is attempting to do the same. As you look at August's church calendar, you'll notice a quieter first half of the month and then many activities beginning in the second half of the month. Please mark your personal calendar with Zion events so you start the Fall well connected with your wonderful church. We can't wait to see your face many, many times!

July 20th a heart-warming farewell party and worship celebration took place for Pastor Natasha Kolles and Youth Director Kortni Plorin. They served Zion for 7 years. We are grateful for the steady presence, skill and joyfulness they brought to their positions. As we step into a new staffing situation this fall we will be welcoming some new faces. We look forward to you warmly welcoming these individuals. These are interim positions as we discern Zion's future staffing needs. We welcome **Pastor Rachel Simonson** who will provide worship leadership once a month! We welcome congregation member **Blake Vetter** who will provide confirmation teaching once a month! We welcome **Amanda Babcock** who will be leading youth group weekly! We welcome **Pastor Chaplain Mike Parker** who will be providing pastoral care and funeral support! Your encouragement of these new staff members will be a blessing. We look forward to an exciting year ahead with these wonderful people joining our team.

Romans 12:4-6 *'For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophesy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.'*

Joshua 1:9 *"Hereby I command you: be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

-Pastor Elaine Sweet

## Thank you to our wonderful leaders at our June Mini Camps!

They were a great success because of these great people:

Cookie Camp: Myrna DeMers, Maryls Sunbaken and Blake Vetter

Crochet Camp: Kristi Assendorf

Soccer Camp: Rich Jensen (helpers Tayson Solper, Makella Brekke, Ava Sweet)

Hockey Camp: Shaun Brentrup (helper Oliver Sweet)



# Memorials & Upcoming Events

## IN MEMORY OF ROGER WHEELING

Undesignated:

Mark Lee  
Lorriane Lee



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

Zion General Fund ~ Building Fund ~ Community Outreach ~ Education

Music Ministry ~ Outdoor Enhancement ~ Trust ~ ZLCW

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



**July 2025- Baptisms**

Arlo Trottier 7/20

**July 2025- Funerals**

Ron Hansen

**July 2025-Weddings**

Miles & Hannah Anestra 7/11

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

September	<b>-Lutefisk Supper</b>	-Sat. Sept. 20th 3-7pm
October	<b>-Bingoween (BINGO)</b>	-Sat. Oct. 4th
November	<b>-Confirmation Sunday</b>	-Sun. Nov. 2nd
November	<b>-Time &amp; Talent Auction</b>	-Sun. Nov. 2nd
December	<b>-Yummy for the Tummy</b>	-Sun Dec. 7th



Zion's Lutefisk and Meatball dinner will be **Sat. September 20th** 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 available  
August 1st\*



# Zion Groups

The following groups & ministries are happening now! You are invited to attend any of the



## Men's Breakfast

Come and have breakfast with Zion dudes/fellows/gentlemen where you will eat, pray, and talk.



**Next meeting is Sat. October 18th @9am**



**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**

**Meets every Tuesday 1pm in the North Boardroom**



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 3rd @1pm**



**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. 12th @5:30pm**

## Sisterhood Ministry

**Meets monthly**



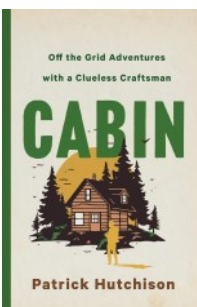
Meet other women of the church while learning, celebrating and being a servant of God through monthly service projects throughout the year.

## Zion Walkers



**ZION WALKERS** began mid May. This spring and summer enjoy an opportunity to gather weekly to walk our neighborhood.

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. Come when you can -**Wednesdays at 9am. Last Walkers will be Aug 27th.**



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

**September's book is a Cabin by Patrick Hutchison** Wit's End isn't just a state of mind. It's the name of a gravel road, the address of a run-down off-the-grid cabin, 120 shabby square feet of fixer-upper Patrick Hutchison purchased on a whim in the mossy woods of the Cascade Mountains in Washington state. To say Hutchison didn't know what he was getting into is no more an exaggeration than to say he's a man with nearly zero carpentry skills. Well, used to be. You can learn a lot over six years of renovations. \*Excerpt from Amazon.com

**\*\*The Next Book Club Meeting is Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30pm**



# Financials

	Year to Date
Income	\$336,559.90
Expenses	\$335,211.14
Net	\$1,348.76

*Thank You*

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

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Worship Date	On-Site	Online	Total
June 28th & 29th	84	124	208
July 5th & 6th	74	156	230
July 12th & 13th	98	156	268
July 19th & 20th	163	252	415

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. This was also done last year. Together God does amazing ministry through us. Thank you to everyone who makes Zion a priority in their charitable giving.

## One Good Sermon

We've had a request to repeat our 'One Good Sermon' program. This is an opportunity to try your hand at preparing one sermon. Everyone has a message within them. We'd love to help you write yours. You'll receive specific tips for structuring your sermon, presentation ideas, and worship leadership training. You'll be guided and encouraged all along the way. There will be hand-outs and training will be recorded for those who may miss a session. There will be an opportunity to discuss your sermon together and learn from each other. Zion members (adults and teens are welcome) as well as members from other churches. There is a high need for pulpit supply preachers. You could choose to make yourself available to Zion, or to other neighboring churches. Come try writing a sermon, then decide if you'd like to share it in worship with others.

**Sun. Sept. 21st 6-7:30pm, Sun. Oct. 5th 6-7:30pm, Wed. Oct. 15th 6-7:30pm**

## Needs at Zion

- **Love Food and Organizing?** We've got a perfect position for you at Zion. We're looking for a **Kitchen Manager** to organize our Wednesday night meals during the school year. Would require about 4hrs/week (flexible to do when it works for you). Duties: Planning monthly menu, grocery shopping, communication with serving teams, instructing prep-team. Our Wednesday night meals are an important ministry of Zion. We are grateful to Diana McLean who beautifully led our new Kitchen Manager position last year. Reach out immediately, if this feels like a fit for you, or you'd like to suggest someone.
- **Do you play an instrument or sing?** We'd love to connect you with our music ministry. There are 3 possibilities: 1) offer to provide **special music** during offering once this year, 2) offer to provide **worship music leadership** on a fill-in or regular rotation (song leaders or musician leaders on piano, guitar etc.), 3) offer to **lead a choir** (youth, all-ages, or bell choir). We'd love to grow the musical opportunities at Zion. Perhaps God is whispering that this is the time for you to step into using your music talents.
- **Can you stitch, measure, cut, or follow directions well?** Zion's Quilting group is fully transitioning. The faithful group that had quilted together for many, many years, is passing the reigns over to a new group. You may be itching to jump in to stitching with new Zion friends. 13 quilts will be the goal to be completed for graduating seniors next May. There may be interest in a **new evening quilting group** and or a daytime group.
- We are looking for 3-4 people who would be willing to **prep the Food Faith Family Meal on Wednesdays**. All the groceries will be purchased, your team would just get most of the food ready to be served. Grab a couple friends and do it together! Lots of laughter happens in the kitchen at Zion!

\*If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact the church office [zlc@srt.com](mailto:zlc@srt.com)  
701-852-1872, or speak to any church staff.

### **Dear Zion Lutheran Church Family,**

On behalf of myself and my family, I want to extend our deepest thanks for the generous and thoughtful farewell gifts you shared with us. Your kindness and support during this time of transition have touched our hearts more than words can express. It has been a true blessing to serve alongside you these past years. As we prepare for this next chapter, please know that we carry your love, encouragement, and prayers with us. Your gifts are a reminder of the deep connections we've built and the grace-filled ministry we've shared together.

With gratitude and love,

**Pastor Natasha, Jared, Medora, Ruby, and Elis**



### **Kortni thank you**

To my Zion Family, thank you– truly. These past seven years have been some of the most meaningful and that's because of you. Thank you for cheering me on, walking alongside me, and trusting me with the care of the youth in this congregation. It has been one of the greatest honors and joys to serve here at Zion. I'm especially grateful to everyone who took the time to attend the farewell party, share kind words, write thoughtful cards and give such generous gifts. To have reminders of your love as I step into this next chapter is a gift I will treasure. Know I am moving forward with a full heart because of you.

**With love and gratitude, Kortni Plorin**

## **KICK-OFF NIGHT**

•**Wednesday, Aug 27th**

**from 5-7pm—**

**Burgers/Brats**

**Supper, Backpack**

**Blessing, BOUNCE**

**HOUSES & Games-**

**EVERYONE is**

**welcome. Join in**

**the fun and get a**

**preview of the amazing year ahead of us!**



## **Fall Church School Registration**

•**Register NOW** so we can plan for our exciting fall events!

•4 year olds to 5th graders!

•Please register online or use the QR Code here —>



•Cost will be **\$35** per student with a max of **\$100** per family.

•**Wednesday, Sept 3rd & Sunday, Sept 7th-**  
our first day of Church School

•We will be seeking out caring adults to help our church school students. If you receive a call, please prayerfully consider serving in a small way. YOUR impact on the young people of Zion is GREAT & SUCH A BLESSING!

•**Church School Training for ALL helping in some way will be Tuesday, Sept 2nd at 7pm. This will be an IN-PERSON event...all should plan to attend to kick off our year!**

## **CONFIRMATION UPDATE**

We are ready for another great of Confirmation here at Zion to start! Below are a few fall dates to start adding to your calendars.

**Tuesday, Aug 12th at 7pm—ALL Guide**

**Huddle/Training** This is for ALL current Guides for our 7th-8th graders and those interested in serving as Guides for our incoming 6th Graders

**Wednesday Sept. 3rd** First night of confirmation classes for 6th-8th graders

**Thursday Oct. 16th-17th**— High School Western ND LYO Gathering in Dickinson

**October 17th & 18th**— Jr. High Western ND LYO gathering in Dickinson

**Sunday Oct. 19th-** 11th Grade Faith Statements DUE

**Sunday, Oct. 26th**— 11th Grade Faith Statement Conversations

**Sunday, Nov.2nd**— Affirmation of Baptism Service (Confirmation Sunday for 11th Graders)

## **YOUTH GROUP**

**IGNITE 9TH-12TH GRADE**

***Wednesdays from 8-9:30pm***

On **September 10th**, we will be starting back up with our weekly youth groups! All 9th-12th graders are invited to come hangout, play games, eat some snacks, have discussion and grow together from 8-9:30pm every Wednesday.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Seattle Mission Trip (7/8)	2 Seattle Mission Trip (8/8)  5pm: Worship
3 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship	4 	5 1pm: Watercolor Group	6 Amanda's Birthday! 9:00am: Zion Walkers 	7 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon Mtg	8 	9  5pm: Worship
10 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship	11 	12 1pm: Watercolor Group 5:30pm: Prayer Shawl Min. 6:30pm: Book Club	13 9:00am: Zion Walkers	14 10am: Edgewood Worship 2pm: Hannah Circle 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon Mtg	15  5pm: Worship	16  5pm: Worship
17 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship	18 9am: Sewing Day	19 1pm: Watercolor Group	20 9:00am: Zion Walkers	21  7:30pm: Narcotics Anon Mtg	22  5pm: Worship	23  5pm: Worship
24 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10am: Worship	25 6pm: Finance Mtg	26 1pm: Watercolor Group 6:30pm: Council Mtg	27 9:00am: Zion Walkers 2:30pm: Prayer Circle  5pm Church School Kick Off, Meal, Backpack Blessing, and Bounce Houses!	28 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon Mtg	29 	30  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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