



THE VISITOR

June 2024

Summer is a season when your pastors have more time to do an aspect of ministry we love; visiting. We regularly go to the hospital and nursing homes as we are needed to visit, pray, or offer communion. This summer, we look forward to connecting with more of our church members, who may not easily make their way to worship regularly. We encourage you to reach out to the pastors or the church office, and request a summer visit. It's a joy to share a cup of tea and listen to the joys and stresses of life.



Here is a challenge for you. Who could use a visit from you this summer? Who do you know in the congregation, but perhaps haven't seen in a while? I bet they'd love to see or hear from you. Who is a newer face in the congregation? Be sure to introduce yourself, maybe ask what they enjoy doing in the summer. Why not invite someone new out for coffee after church? Connections are so valuable. Lots of people of all ages are looking for new friendships.

This summer, don't forget that Wednesdays at 9am you can meet people at the church and walk together. Just throw on your walking shoes, dress for the weather and join the small group of men, women and staff who spend 45mins walking leisurely around the neighborhood, listening to each other. You might get to know someone better!

There's also a Hot Tots Baseball Game Tues. June 11th at 6:35pm. You can join Zion in attending. Tickets are available in the church office. We had a rousing good time last summer. We'll sit together, watch and cheer on the game. One of the things that makes Zion great, are the relationships between members. We hope this summer you would give some attention to strengthening your relationships. The Bible teaches that love is the foundation of all relationships, and that love should be characterized by selflessness, kindness, and forgiveness. The Bible commands to **“love your neighbor as yourself”** (Mark 12:31) and **“love one another as I have loved you”** (John 15:12). We look forward to witnessing your good hospitality to one another this summer!



It's Back!

Have you missed the Lutefisk suppers at Zion? It's coming back! Joe Stenvold is helping organize a planning team to lead this supper. First meeting will be in June. The Lutefisk supper will be in September. These events take many hands to work. Please consider what small part you can take.



IN MEMORY OF MARION HAMBECK

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May 2024- Baptisms

Jax Jacob Froseth 5/18
Reese Paul Heilman 5/19

May 2024- Funerals

Ione Lang 5/3
Tom Nienow 5/20



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



Say 'welcome'
to our newest
member!

Michele Schmidt



School's Out! Register your kids
for a fun week at Zion!

We've got a great week planned for kids
Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade!

June 17th-21st (Mon-Thurs. 9-3, Fri. 9-11am) for All kids
entering Grades 1-6. Camp Metigoshe Staff come and
lead this enjoyable time at Zion; games, crafts, Bible
discussions, food, indoor and outdoor time. And for the
younger ones entering Preschool & Kindergarten we
have a three-day program 9-12:30 (Mon-Wed.). Costs
are \$45 for the week for older kids, \$35 for the younger
ones. Registration on Zion's website or call the church
office, 852-1872 or speak to Pastor Elaine. We currently
have space for a total of 24 young ones, and 50 older
kids. Let's fill our Vacation Bible Camp week!

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 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, June 13th @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 in the fall

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.

Community Outreach

Are you passionate about mission and working in our community to share the love of Christ with others? Our newly formed Community Outreach/Mission Team is meeting **June 12th at 5:30pm** in the board room. We will brainstorm together what are the best ways in which to start and fund this ministry. Come with your ideas and creativity. Adult mission trips? Block Party? Best practices for using our community outreach funds? I can't wait to hear your ideas!

-Pastor Natasha Kolles



Widows & Widowers

Support & Treats with Pastor Elaine. The next meeting is

Wednesday, September 4th @1pm

Sally Butgereit will be bringing 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. June 11th @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.

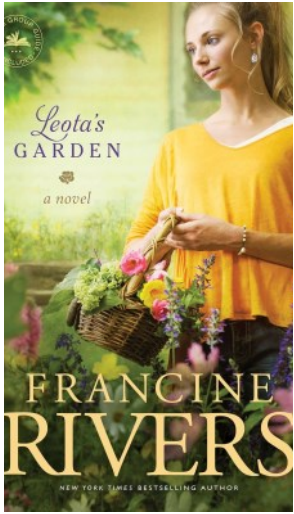
Zion Walkers

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.





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

Septembers book is “Leota’s Garden” by Francine Rivers

Leota’s garden was once a place of beauty, where flowers bloomed and hope thrived. It was her refuge from the deep wounds inflicted by a devastating war, her sanctuary where she knelt before a loving God and prayed for the children who couldn’t understand her silent sacrifices.

Now, eighty-four-year-old Leota Reinhardt is alone, her beloved garden in ruins. All her efforts to reconcile with her adult children have been fruitless, and she voices her despair to a loving Father, her only friend.

Then God brings a wind of change through unlikely means: one, a college student with an agenda all his own who thinks he has all the answers; the other, a granddaughter Leota never hoped to know. But can the devastation wrought by keeping painful family secrets be repaired before she runs out of time?

*Excerpt from Amazon.com

****The Next Book Club Meeting is Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30pm**



Men's Corn Hole Tournament.
 Thank you to everyone who participated at this years Corn Hole Tournament! We raised \$704 for Zions General Fund. This will be used for Welcoming and Hospitality materials, gifts, brochures and events.

Worship Date	On-Site	Online	Total
May 1st Kids Sabbath	262	234	496
May 4th, 5th, 8th	175	236	411
May 11th, 12th Senior Sunday, 15th	423	212	635
May 18th & 19th	147	122	269

The Mothers & Others

This was a very enjoyable event Sat. May 11th. We had a wonderfully large attendance, great food, good music, and a fine presentation. Everyone left with a smile on their face. Thank you to Sonja Hernes for organizing, to Jared Kolles and Pastor Elaine for their music and speaking, and to our kitchen workers; Rich Jenson, Ordean Huus, Dave DeMers and Joel Hernes.



Financials

	Year to Date
Income	204,385.56
Expenses	221,413.43
Net	(17,027.87)

Thank You

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

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Please remember your church over the summer. We of course look forward to seeing you in worship. We also rely on your continued financial support June-August. The church's building expenses stay pretty constant (air-conditioning, lights, insurance, telephone, internet) even when attendance changes, and our staffing costs remain constant through summer months too. So, you know this means that we really hope you can help give an extra gift to the church before you leave for summer vacation, or get busy with activities that may pull you away from your church this time of year. Thank you for being givers Zion can count on!

Rummage Sale

Sisterhood and our Summer Mission Trip Youth coordinating a successful Rummage Sale May 18th weekend. We are thankful for all the rummage sale items donated, the shoppers, and workers. Special thanks to Donna Cole and Kortni Plorin for their extensive work to pull off this event, and to our youth who spent hours working. The youth received over \$2,000 to help with the Summer Trip expenses!

Lutheran Campus Ministry Weekend



Pastor Rachel Simonson from LCM led worship May 11th and 12th. A special offering took place to support them. We raised a total of \$732! Thank you for supporting our friends at Lutheran Campus Ministries.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE



Thank you for another great confirmation year! A HUGE Thank You to all our confirmation adult leaders! Without loving and caring adults willing to walk with children on their faith journey, the Zion program would not be possible. Enjoy the summer everyone and we will see you back in September!

SENIOR SUNDAY

Congratulation class of 2024! May the warmth of your quilts and the love of Zion be with you wherever your path takes you.



UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Summer Trip Catalog– Head over to the Zion website or look in your Z-News to find the link to help support our students. Options for all price points!

Hot Tot's Baseball Game–



Join Zion for a night of fellowship and baseball on **June 11th @ 6:35pm**. We have 50 tickets available for \$20/ticket that includes your admission. Pick up your ticket at the church office. During the game, our Zion youth will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets to everyone at the game. All proceeds will go to our students attend the Duluth or New Orleans Mission trip this summer.

YOUTH GROUP
IGNITE 9TH-12TH GRADE

Wednesdays from 8-9:30pm every other week during the Summer.
June 5th– Campfire and outdoor games
June 19th– Campfire and outdoor games

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know “The world’s largest rubber duck visited the City of Duluth in 2016?”
-Duluthchamber.com

You might be thinking to yourself, “why is Kortni giving a fact about a city I don’t even live in?” Well, lucky for you, it will all make sense soon. As humans we visit a lot of different places and visit with many different people. Some visits are small, stopping at the post office to mail a package or a coffee shop for your morning pick-me-up. Some visits are large, going to the hospital to see a loved one, traveling across the U.S for a graduation party. We are visiting all the time without thinking a whole lot about the impacts we are leaving for those people and places. At the end of this month Pastor Natasha and I along with 4 Jr. High students will visit the city of Duluth. This is our first ever Jr. High mission trip. During our trip we will have small interactions like visiting new restaurants and playing car games together on our journey. We will also partake in much larger visits; serving those at a local soup kitchen, painting new developments for those in need, and distributing food from one of their food pantries. The six of us from Zion might not become as memorable as the world’s largest rubber duck in Duluth, but to someone our visit will mean the world.

Good and gracious God, may the conversations we have and the places we visit lead to a positive impact within our world. Amen.

KORTNI’S CORNY CORNER

Q: Why didn’t the beach bum shower at all in June?
A: Because they preferred sunbathing!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service</p>	<p>3 </p>	<p>4 1:00pm Watercolor Grp</p>	<p>5 9:00am: Zion Walkers</p>	<p>6 7:30pm: Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>7 </p>	<p>1 5:00pm Worship Service</p>
<p>9 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service 2pm: Girl Scout Tea Party 3:30pm: Order of Arrow Mtg</p>	<p>10 </p>	<p>11 1:00pm Watercolor Grp 5:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm: Girl Scout Admin Mtg 6:30pm: Hot Tot's Game</p>	<p>12 9:00am: Zion Walkers</p>	<p>13 2pm: Hannah Circle 7:30pm Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>14 Flag Day </p>	<p>15 3:00pm: Bender/Schimke Wedding 5:00pm Worship Service</p>
<p>16 Fathers Day 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service and Elsie Gladback Baptism</p>	<p>17 Zion Day Camp</p>	<p>18 Zion Day Camp 1:00pm Watercolor Grp 6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>19 Juneteenth Zion Day Camp 9:00am: Zion Walkers</p>	<p>20 Zion Day Camp 7:30pm Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>21 Zion Day Camp</p>	<p>22 5:00pm Worship Service</p>
<p>23 Jr High Mission Trip 9:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service</p>	<p>24 Jr High Mission Trip</p>	<p>25 Jr High Mission Trip 1:00pm Watercolor Grp</p>	<p>26 Jr High Mission Trip 9:00am: Zion Walkers</p>	<p>27 Jr High Mission Trip 7:30pm Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>28 Jr High Mission Trip</p>	<p>29 Jr High Mission Trip 5:00pm Worship Service and Livi Edwards Baptism</p>
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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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