



Can you believe another year has come and gone? Time seems to go by so fast these days. It feels like only yesterday that I was rocking babies and shopping for diapers. Now the rocking has changed to conversations about friends and school activities. And now there are no more diapers to shop for, instead we stock the shelves with snacks, snacks, and more snacks. Where does the time go? The holidays always seem to have us thinking about the past, the nostalgia of Christmas past, or perhaps we look toward the future to a better, more joyous Christmas. As I get older I realize how important it is to live in the present; to take joy in the small things and try not to worry about the small things. Take time in the present to spend with God. If you must make a News Years resolution, consider making a little more time each day for prayer, devotion, and reading Scripture. Jesus says the greatest commandment is to love your God with all your heart. To love God is to know God. To know God is to know peace and joy in the past, present, and future.



Blessed to be a blessing,  
Pastor Natasha

## Winter 2022 Worship Schedule

**Sunday** Church School 9:00am  
Worship 10:00am

**Saturday** Worship 5:00pm

**Wednesday** Church School 4:30pm  
FFF Family Meal 5:15pm  
Worship 6:15pm  
Church School 7:00pm  
Confirmation 7:00pm



## **MEMORIALS & GIFTS**

October 25—December 28



### **In memory of Dennis Christianson**

•**Memorials:** Pat White

### **In memory of Sharon Erickson**

•**Memorials:** Denise Johnson

•**General Fund:** Dale & Kary Mattern, John & Glenda Streccius, Anthony & Kellie Gualazzi, friends & family

•**Music:** Friends & family

•**Minneapolis Youth Trip:** Friends & Family

### **In memory of Curtis Hahn**

•**Youth Ministry:** Tracey Hahn

### **In memory of LeRoy Haugeberg**

•**Trust:** Pheobe Haugeberg

### **In memory of Alma Knutson**

•**Memorials:** Duane & Joanne DeMars

### **In memory of Orville Lynner**

•**Memorials:** Virginia Berg, friends & family

### **In memory of Phillip Ronningen**

•**Metigoshe Campers Scholarships:** Mary Ann Stoa

### **In honor of Pastor John Streccius**

•**General Fund:** Jill Degree, Gary & Sherry Leslie

### **In memory of Lorraine Thomas**

•**Trust:** Pat White, Dale & Kay Mattern

### **In memory of Marie Thompson**

•**Trust:** Gary & Sherry Leslie

### **In memory of Edwina Wahlund**

•**Memorials:** David & Myrna DeMers, Karla Gabriel, Todd & Connie Gandrud

•**Playground:** Bruce & Linda Christianson

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

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

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



**PLEASE NOTE:** Many household giving numbers for 2022 have changed! **Please throw away any previous years' envelopes.** Using old envelopes may result in offerings being credited to the wrong account.

**2022 Envelopes** are located on a table in the hallway outside the office. Households who use automated giving (*Rebel Give or Bank Pay*) or who do not regularly utilize envelopes will not have an assigned box. Please let the church office know if you cannot find a box of envelopes with your name on it but would like some.

Loose checks received in the offering plate will be recorded to member accounts. If giving cash, please make sure to put it in an envelope with your name on it. Extra green envelopes can be found in racks outside the sanctuary doors. **Thank you!**





Greetings Zion Family ~

As we close out 2021 at Zion Lutheran Church, I find myself seeking comfort in the words of Isaiah 41:10 ~

**10** So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

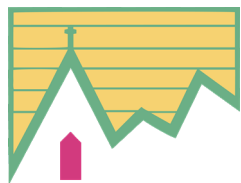
Fear can be a crippling affliction and often times it is easier to do nothing than to face the fear and walk through it. But as God promised, he is with us and he **WILL** help us. This could not be truer than the walk we are taking right now at Zion. In the upcoming year, or more, we will need to trust in his perfect plan as we prayerfully contemplate and consider how we wish to shape our ministry moving forward. It is so very important that we take some time during this transition to really look at "where we are right now" and "where are we going". Once we have a clear idea of where we want to go, it will guide us in what we are looking for in a new Lead Pastor. This is not a fast process and at times it may seem difficult and/or daunting, but with God's promise of strength we will walk through this together.

I know that many of you wonder where we are in the call process and what actions (if any) myself, and the Council have taken to move forward. So I will summarize what has been done and what needs to be done.



Call Committee - a call committee has not yet been formed. I am asking each of you to prayerfully consider if you would like to serve on the Committee. If it is upon your heart to do so, please reach out to Karen in the office to put your name in as a possible committee member.

Our Synod Bishop Craig Schweitzer has been to our Council meeting and met with staff to help guide us to move forward successfully during this process. It is so important that we take the necessary time to lay a solid foundation before seeking a new Lead Pastor.



**Church**

**FINANCES**

One of the things you will be hearing from me in the brief time I have left as your Council President is the state of our current financial status and our needs. The church has been running in the red for a few years, partially due to Covid, but primarily due to decreased giving. Our current ministry is underfunded and we cannot continue to operate and maintain our current programming without increased giving. I know I have just rubbed someone the wrong way by talking about money, but if I do not (which would be much easier for me to do, since I am almost done serving on the Council), then I too have contributed to the problem rather than seeking a solution. In the past month the Council had to request monies from the Trust Committee in order to meet our financial obligations. It was not an easy decision, but we were left with no other option since the contingency fund had been depleted. We are thankful

that the Trust made a motion and approved an amount of 50% of the loss of offering/ loose offering due to COVID. This amounted to a one-time gift of \$82,507.50 to keep us solvent through the end of the year; however, this was only approved because of the unusual circumstances of Covid. Our main goal as a Council this year is to create a balanced budget, which means that the budget will be based on pledged monies from intent cards turned in. This is why intent cards turned in are critical to budget forecasting.

Zion Lutheran Church is completely funded, in every aspect, by us - the congregants. We do not receive any money from outside resources. As a Council, we have and will continue to make every effort in reducing any controllable expenses, but that alone is not enough. I was disheartened to find out that we lost \$7500 of the Challenge money during our Stewardship Campaign because we did not successfully get 175 intent cards turned in by the end of November. How many times have you given during a certain time period, or to a certain cause, because there were "matching funds"? Unfortunately, we could not even secure "matching funds" for our own church. We must not forget that we are a steward of all God has given us ~ time, talent, health, AND finances. I am asking you to prayerfully consider how you can financially support the ministry of Zion.

I am happy to report that Bishop Craig has put me in contact with a potential interim Pastor. I will be meeting with this Pastor in the upcoming weeks and am hopeful that we will be a good fit for each other. In the meantime, Pastor Natasha helped secure Pulpit Supply through the Holidays and into January. Please remember Pastor Natasha and all the staff in your prayers as they are in a period of uncertainty as well.



We are in desperate need of worship assistants in all areas! Where can you plug in? We need ushers, communion servers, readers, and many other areas of help. Please go to the Zion website and look under [Worship Assistants or click here](#) to see when, where, and how you can plug yourself in. I know that I was reluctant to serve when I first started attending Zion because of that "fear thing". My brain came up with all sorts of justifications and reasons why I should not even consider helping like: "What if I cannot pronounce a word or name correctly in the reading?" or "I am not Christian enough to serve communion." and many other FEAR based reasons. I am inviting YOU (yes, you that are reading this right now) to come serve with us. Your gifts, whatever they may be, are meant to be shared!

Thank you for the support, kind words, and prayers that you have given to myself, the Council, Pastor Natasha and the staff at Zion!

Blessings,  
Kristi Burgess  
Council President








**Coffee with the Staff**  
 Wednesdays @ 10:00am

Join the staff for coffee and treats, fellowship and a time to visit.

Starts January 12th



**Thank you for contributing to and helping support our Angel Tree program! We greatly appreciate all the contributions as it helps families enjoy parts of the holiday. The families are very thankful for your contributions!**

**- North Central Human Services**



### Lutheran Campus Ministries MSU Soup Day

The LCM Soup Ministry has grown from serving 150-200 students each week in the beginning of 2018-19 school year to serving approximately 300 students!

Our assigned dates this winter are **January 25th, March 1st, and May 3rd** and your help is necessary to support this ministry. Because LCM is following Covid guidelines, we no longer have to make and provide soup. It is made there and we

only have to help put together the lunch bags and hand them out.

Zion needs to provide 6 volunteers from 10:00 am to 1:00pm. Parking passes are available in the office for MSU parking lots. [There is a sign up on our website for each of the dates or click here.](#) You can also contact the office to sign up.

Zion is happy to partner with Lutheran Campus Ministries for this important ministry to the MSU community. Zion has supported MSU Soup Day for many years. How can you help with this wonderful ministry?

### **Have you signed up for automated giving through RebelGive?**

If you have not, go to Zion's website and click/tap on the **Green GIVE** button on the bottom right of your screen. It is very easy, just follow the flow and you can be set up in a couple of minutes. If you would rather, complete a paper form, see page 11 for the form or stop in the office and we will be happy to help!



**An easy way to give**

- set up once and done
- you decide how frequently to give
- easy to change at any time

**LOOK FOR THE GREEN GIVE BUTTON ON OUR WEB PAGE AND FOLLOW THE EASY STEPS**

**RebelGive** - the convenience of online giving with credit/debit card or checking account



These conversations will be centered around “Where have we been?”, “Where are we today?”, and “How might the Holy Spirit be leading us into tomorrow?”



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# FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

by Chris Torgeson

## Thank you!



A huge thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Kids' Sabbath. Also a big thank you to everyone who served as Workshop Leaders, Shepherds, Music and Nursery Staff.

## Church School News

- \*Our next rotation is the story of the **Woman at the Well**. This story is about life giving water found in Jesus as well as breaking through boundaries to tell others about God's love for everyone!
- \*We start back on **Wednesday, January 12th & Sunday, January 16th.**
- \*NEW TIME FOR SUNDAY MORNING SESSION—9:00AM!!!

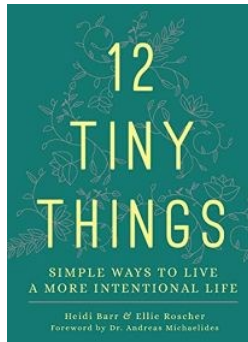
## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MOMS CHECK IT OUT!!!

### MOMS on a Mission (Stay-at-home Moms)

We will be finishing our book "Made to Soar"  
by Natalie Dawn Hanson  
January 10th, 17th and 24th at 9:00am

We will NOT meeting January 31st

A new book study will start on February 7th.  
Sign-up on our website or [click here](#) for our next book study—"12 Tiny Things"



This book will help us walk through a few simple way to live a much more intentional life as a woman of faith, wife and mom.

If you have any questions about this study—give Chris a call at the church office.

### SOUL Sisters

(Group of working Moms)

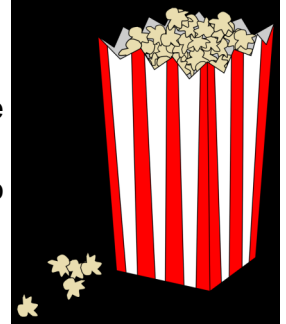
We will begin our next session of SOUL Sisters on **February 7th**. Sign-up on our website or [click here](#).

## Family Movie Night

\***Sunday, January 23rd**

\***3:00 pm**

- \*Mark your calendar today!
- \*Pizza and popcorn will be served.
- \*Watch for more details to come!



**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**  
**Something NEW!**  
**Come check it out!**

## FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE WITH THE STAFF

- \*Join us each Wednesday from **10:00-11:00 am** for coffee and treats. The staff is looking forward to visiting with all of you!
- \***Starts—January 12th**



## **CONFIRMATION UPDATE**

I can't believe we are already halfway through the confirmation year! Confirmation will start back up on January 12th with some exciting news! As of now, we are able to start going back into the community with our off-site programming! Students will be able to help out and take God's love outside the build at places such as the Lord's Cupboard, Men's Winter Refuge, and many nursing homes. We are excited to start this back up. Information as of when/where students will go will be sent out via remind the week of class.



## **UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS**



First off, on behalf of the National Gathering team, THANK YOU! Thank you so much for your support to the students attending the National Gathering this upcoming summer. This trip would not be possible without you. Below are a couple more of our upcoming fundraisers.

**Ongoing now– Wall-of-Money–** Pick an envelope from the wall, fill it with the amount on envelope and drop in the safe. (Wall located right outside the office)

**February 19th– Sweetheart Dinner–** Enjoy a nice dinner with a sweetheart or friend as our youth serve you for the evening. Tickets going on sale soon!

**February 27th– Pancake Breakfast–** Another Kid's Sabbath means another pancake breakfast! Come fill your belly's with pancakes and sausage before or after our 10am worship!

**March 19th– Vendor Fair–** Come and shop at Zion from some of your favorite vendors and local crafters. There will be a free will donation breakfast and lunch.

Thank you again for your continued support!

## **YOUTH GROUP**

### **IGNITE 9TH –12TH GRADE**

A lot of exciting things with High School Youth group happened in 2021 and I can't wait to see what 2022 brings! We were able to help out at the Lord's Cupboard, make pumpkin pies for the Pie Social, and go shopping for some Angel Tree tags. The students enjoyed being able to help others in the community.

Here are some dates to look out for:

**January 19th:** Starting back up for the new year!

**January 26th:** Painting Night

**February 2nd and 9th:** No youth group

**February 16th:** Board game night

**February 23rd:** Chopped

Can't wait to see you guys there!



### **J-WALKERS 6TH-8TH GRADER**

\*J-Walkers meets from 7-9pm \*

J-Walkers will not be meeting in January due to the 6th-8th grade retreat (but it's basically still J-Walkers, games, fellowship and snacks!) We will meet again on



**February 25th** for another fun night of hanging out! Be on the look out for a postcard with more information!








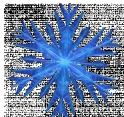
## **KORTNI'S KORYN CORNER**

♦ What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet? **SUPPLIES!**






♦ What do you call a pile of cats?  
**A Meowtain**





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>    <div> <b>New Year's Resolutions</b>  <b>1</b> Choose to love, rather than hate.         </div> </div>						
10:00 Worship <b>2</b>	7:00 Scouts <b>3</b>	9:00 Pastor's Text Study 6:30 Scouts Committee Mtg <b>4</b>	11:00 Team Meeting 4:30 Church School Training 7:00 Church School Training <b>5</b>	10:00 Funeral- Craig Anderson 1:30 Elmcroft Worship 3:00 Funeral- Karen Sutter <b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	5:00 Worship <b>8</b>
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Check our website at [www.zionlutheranminot.org](http://www.zionlutheranminot.org) for the latest schedule and updates to current events.

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## ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, February 20th Time to be announced

All members are invited to attend this important congregational event. Meeting will include reviewing the annual report and approving 2022 budget. Voting for the new members of the Council, Trust Committee, Nomination Committee and LCM Representative will also take place.

# AUTHORIZATION FORM

Zion Lutheran Church, Minot



ENVELOPE #:	
TYPE OF AUTHORIZATION	<input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue my electronic donation. If discontinuing, please sign line below. _____
First Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Send email notifications to me about my gift	
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## Zion Lutheran Church

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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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