

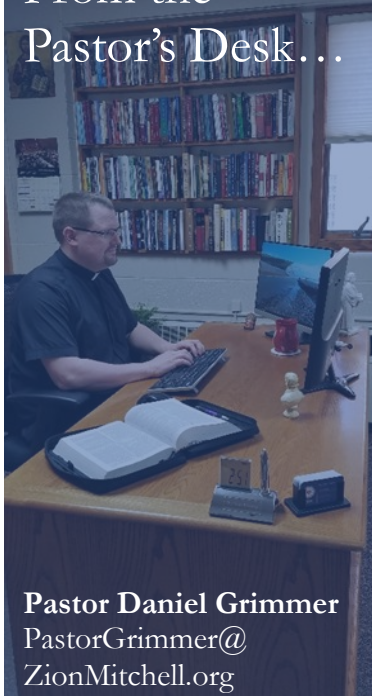


Zion
LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS

April 2024

From the Pastor's Desk...



Pastor Daniel Grimmer
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Coming Soon!

Very soon, we will begin construction of our ground floor fellowship, office, and classroom space! It seems hard to believe after so many years of planning and setbacks, but with God's help we are at the point where we are ready to begin building!

While we have casually called this project the "new fellowship hall" for many years, Zion's leadership has decided that the building should formally be referred to as the "Ministry Center." Names matter because they subtly influence our view of things. While "fellowship" in the sense of community and camaraderie is important in a congregation, it is only one of the purposes that we plan for the new building to fulfill.

The real purpose of the new building is to facilitate ministry in our congregation and community. Our prayer is that this building will not only be a space for meals and informal gatherings but be a space for teaching and education of all kinds, small-group worship and prayer, team meetings and planning, counseling, visitation, family and congregation ministry, fellowship, community outreach, and more. The name ministry center more accurately captures all these purposes and reminds us that the purpose of a church is not simply to keep the doors open, but to do ministry in and among our community. Zion Lutheran Church is here not merely to preserve itself as an institution, but to be a beacon of the gospel in and around Mitchell, South Dakota. We exist to bring Christ and His Word to each other and to others, and to grow together in Him.

As I write this, I cannot tell you an exact start date, but I can tell you that you will be seeing it very soon. Please keep this project and our congregation in your personal and family prayers. Pray for safety for the workers, for "good and seasonable weather" for building, for God to bless us all with a spirit of generosity to contribute according to our ability, for peace and unity in our congregation, and above all, that He would use not only the building, but especially our lives and labor to bring the hope of Jesus Christ to the lost world all around us.

You will likely be hearing a lot about this project in the coming months. We look forward to updating you as often as we can. If you have special gifts or talents that you think could help with the construction or preparation of the building, please talk to someone on our building committee. We'd love your suggestions and help.

Let's get to work!

Pastor Grimmer

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Congregational News

Calling All High School Seniors

Zion has a tradition of recognizing our high school seniors early in May with a special congregational prayer and blessing.

As part of this special blessing each senior is presented with a quilt, made by some talented women of the congregation, to remind them that the prayers of their congregation go with them as they go out into the world.

Seniors, if you would like to take part in this event on May 5 in the 10:30 am service, please contact the church office, 996-7530, office@zionmitchell.org as soon as possible so that enough quilts are prepared. Please also let us know what you are currently planning for after graduation so that we can share in your excitement. Thank you!

Confirmation Day – April 28

This year we have five students who are preparing to have their faith confirmed and witnessed to by the congregation on Sunday, April 28 at 10:30am. These students have studied and memorized the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism and have carefully listened to and taken notes on a least twenty sermons as they have made efforts to learn the basics of our catechism and grow in faith.

We wish to welcome this year's youth confirmation class into communicant membership of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Zion Lutheran Church! We pray that this is a first step in a life of faith in Jesus Christ. Please keep them in your prayers.

Welcome!

Emma Fischer, Malachi Hagemann, Taryn Nurnberg,
Noah Schnabel, Lydia Smith

Lutherans for Life 2024 South Dakota Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents
For Students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12
Any student in a Lutheran school or Lutheran congregation (e.g., confirmation class or youth group) when validated by a teacher or pastor, is eligible. Students may also enter through a Lutheran home school when validated by their Lutheran pastor.

Please consider submitting an essay. For more details, please contact the office. DUE APRIL 1, 2024.

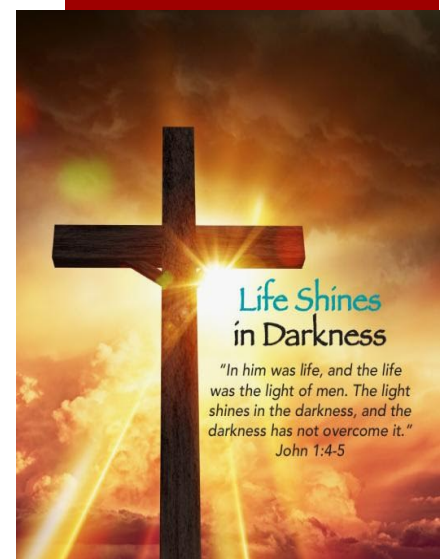
Senior Quilt
Presentation

May 5
10:30 am Service

Confirmation Day
April 28
10:30am Service

No Faith
Foundations on
Wednesday,
March 27

Faith Foundations
will resume classes
on April 3 at 6pm



Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting 2/21/24

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- I. Call to Order & Devotion-Vicar Wessel lead us in prayer. Members present: Loren Brech, Larry Titze, Julie Harnisch, Eric Schramm, Shannon Bartscher, Brian Schuldt, Loren Wegehaupt, Russell Whaley, Mark Nagel, Chris Wehrmann, Pastor Grimmer, Adam Schulz, Travis Schnabel, Vicar Wessel, Diane Sullivan
- II. Congregation Member Comments - Loren Wegehaupt was present to talk about investments he's familiar with from being treasurer at Dimock which may be beneficial for our congregation. Vanguard money market may be an option as is at 5.4% right now. LCEF is at .75% right now. Loren W and the council had discussions. Eric made a motion to bring Loren W on as deputy treasurer. Motion was seconded, motion carried. Adam made a motion to have Loren W, Shannon and Larry S get together to discuss and set up a Vanguard account. 2nd motion made by Travis, motion carried.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda - adoption of agenda approved.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Secretary's Report -Adam made a motion to accept the secretary's report. A 2nd motion by Chris, motion carried.
 - B. Treasurer's Report - Shannon reported \$43,045 of income with \$29,763 in expenses. Adam made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. A 2nd motion by Chris, motion carried.
 - C. Financial Secretary's Report-no report
 - D. Pastor Grimmer's Report-Financial Peace University started with 3 people in attendance. Pastor will send the vicarage application in. There was approximately \$1,290 received in the free will offering for Pastor Andreason. \$1,000 from Jason Whaley fund will be added to that. Board Reports
 1. Youth & Parish Education-Julie reported that Faith Foundation is starting at 5:15 during Lent with no adult classes held during Lent. The kids will sing on Palm Sunday. A confirmation reception is being planned for April 24th.
 2. Elders
 - a. Official Acts being reported- transferred in: Alan Rickel from Zion Lutheran, Rapid City - Loren & Beth Wegehaupt from Immanuel Lutheran, Dimock - Reg & Jan Pischel from Zion Lutheran, Ainsworth, NE. Baptisms: Alaina and Kaia Hogan, parents Jarod & Kristen Hogan on December 17th, 2023. Deaths/funerals: Frank Lutjens, died January 18th, 2024 with funeral January 23rd, 2024
 - b. Issues brought to Elders by members to report to council-none
 - c. The marriage retreat presented by Pastor Andreason had 32 attendees. A recommendation was made to give Pastor Andreason \$1,000. A motion was made by Diane to give Pastor Andreason \$1,000 for his time in presenting the conference. A 2nd was made by Shannon, motion carried. Also, \$400 from the Lenten meal last week and \$379 from tonight's Lenten meal (all served by the Elders) will go to Pastor Andreason.
 - d. Vicar placement is April 23rd and will be shown at the church with a plan to have a potluck. April 24th is the pastor call service which will also be shown at the church.

Church Council (continued)

e. The need for an updated directory was discussed by Elders

f. It was decided to get in touch with Pastor Nour to invite him to speak to our congregation re: Israel/Palestine

3. Trustees

a. The trustees have replaced most lights with LED's - more will be done.

b. Larry W met with the insurance agent from First National Bank. We are waiting for a quote. Also, waiting for a quote from American Church Group in Sioux Falls.

c. The roof over top of the bell tower is leaking in a couple of spots. This needs to be looked into further.

1. Committee Reports

2. Stewardship Committee-Adam is interim president of Stewardship Committee. They will be meeting next week. Information will be going out in the newsletter.

a. Building Planning Committee-Adam reported that contracts are being signed. Eric ordered a banner that says "Coming Soon". The loan process is being worked on. Work at the lot to possibly begin on April 1st.

V. Business

A. Unfinished Business

1. Records organized/placed in filing cabinet - being done

2. Shred documents no longer needed - being done

3. Council will be serving the Lent meal on March 20 – Meal choice/Who to donate funds to-It was decided to have chili and soups with corn bread, crackers and bars. Adam made motion to give proceeds to the Mitchell School lunch program. 2nd motion by Shannon, motion carried

4. Proposal to add an assisting pastor- Elders are getting updated information to present to council and Voter's meeting.

B. New Business

1. Lutheran Witness - Options were discussed regarding direct mailing, bulk order, and with or without insert. A motion was made by Chris to order 125 in bulk without inserts. Tamra will print the inserts to be placed with the publications. A 2nd motion by Travis, motion carried.

2. Loren B reported that an update is being done to the computer on the balcony. Adam discussed church shooter policy. Details of the policy were discussed by the council. Loren will get several members from our church groups to work on the details of the active shooter policy.

VI. Next Council meeting – Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7:30 pm

VII. Adjournment & Prayer - A motion to adjourn was made by Travis. A 2nd motion by Shannon, motion carried. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Sullivan, Council Secretary



Jan - Feb 2024

SERVING THE LORD IN

Japan

News from
Pastor Dan and Joan Jastram

<https://www.lcms.org/jastram>



Pastor Dan and Joan Jastram

Rev. Jastram serves as the
Asia Lutheran Resource
Coordinator:

*Making Lutheran resources of
theology and worship
available in Asia.*



To be added to or removed from
this mailing list, send an email
message to:

daniel.jastram@lcms.org

with the word ADD or REMOVE
in the subject line.

Here's our newsletter archive link:

<https://bit.ly/3Xkd9W8>

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Expanding Horizons

I couldn't help but rejoice greatly
over how things turned out.
"How good and pleasant it is . . ." according to Ps. 133:1 !!

In early February, I took an
exploratory trip north of Tokyo to
become acquainted with the third of
the three Japanese pastors serving the
small confessional Lutheran Ev.
Christian Church entity here in Japan.

Pastor Nidaira serves two
congregations in Tochigi Prefecture,
one in Ashikaga, the other in
Utsunomia.



Ashikaga, Tochigi Prefecture

What a blessing to find a well-
crafted sermon proclaiming Christ as
Savior, clear distinctions of Law and
Gospel, the traditional Japanese
Lutheran liturgy, and solid catechesis
following worship! At the same time,
what a great need for prayer that God
would bless the faithful ministry of His
Word and Sacraments in such a
resistant culture!

For those visiting Japan, the land
and culture appears to be steeped in
religion with shrines, temples, and
sculptured images around every
corner, in back yards, in the
households, and along the country
paths.

Paradoxically however, most
Japanese consider themselves non-
religious and simply follow societal
"customs" without any obligations of
specific doctrines or membership.

Their "religious viewpoint" of life
along with their customs seem to lie
on a moveable point somewhere
between the religious and the non-
religious depending on circumstance
and perspective: sometimes as
"Japanese spirituality", sometimes as
superstitious folkways, sometimes as
traditional customs, festivals, or
holidays with religious origins but
tenuous religious weight.

What functions as a glass barrier is
that Japanese-ness seems embedded,
in part, in its distinction against the
"foreign" Christian faith.

At almost every funeral, ritual
reverence for and communication
with one's ancestors beyond the
grave endures as the pervasive,
religious substratum of the culture.

This is a major challenge for the
proclamation of new life in Christ who
was crucified for our trespasses and
raised for our justification.



Utsunomia, Tochigi Prefecture

Prayer and Thanksgiving:

- thanksgiving for the faithful ministry of the three pastors of the Lutheran Ev. Christian Church and specifically for Rev. Nidaira at Ashikaga and Utsunomia;
- prayer for wisdom in ministry due to the cultural barrier between old traditions and a new life in Christ;
- thanksgiving for new brethren in Christ: Barnett, Hetland, Terjesen;
- prayer for preparations with our Lutheran Theological Conference in Niigata coming up in May;
- thanksgiving for connections with LCMS member Matthew Strawn in Kyushu at great distance from Lutheran fellowship;
- thanksgiving for the privilege of Rev. Taguchi's attendance at the January CTS-FW Symposium series;
- prayer for those still suffering from the 7.5 magnitude January earthquake damage in the prefecture bordering Niigata;
- thanksgiving for Joan's three-week visit with family and grandchildren in the States;
- thanksgiving for wonderful headway on our newest translation project of Engelbrecht, *The Lutheran Difference* (CPH 2014) (about 55% completed);
- thanksgiving for God's blessings at our two current worship sites: Shinjuku and Yokosuka;
- thanksgiving for the faithful prayers and support provided by our LCMS Jastram-Asia mission partners.



[L-to-R] Barnett (2), Jastram, Hetland; Terjesen (7)

Growing Ministry

In addition to occasional visitors, we are very pleased to welcome those staying in Japan for longer periods of time who often come from some distance in order to gather at our Shinjuku Tokyo worship site. Recently Cacey and Moeko Barnett (from the north), Matthew Hetland (from the south), and the Terjesen family from the Yokosuka military base, all found their way to us.

In January, we received news that a new LCMS military chaplain, Rev. Ryan Schnake, has begun serving in Okinawa Japan through the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. We are glad to entrust into his capable hands the work we have carried on there through our occasional visits these past two-and-a-half years.

At our current host congregation, I am particularly delighted that those who use only Japanese have a confessional, liturgical service available in the morning service with Pastor Yoshimura. Those who use only English have a confessional, liturgical service available in our twice-a-month Sunday afternoon service under my care. And those who are bilingual—

or who have invited someone to worship of either category—can worship at either service or at both depending on their preference. For example, on some occasions in the afternoon, everyone is either comfortably bilingual, or struggling to a greater or lesser degree with the English liturgy and sermon. So, for catechesis after the service we switched to Japanese for the greater comfort and understanding of those who were struggling. It reminds me that in heaven there will be those of many nations and languages all worshipping at the throne of Christ. ♦

Granddaughters Fiona and Salome at play during Joan's visit



YOUR SUPPORT is vital for our continued mission work in Japan: regular services at our worship sites, translation of theological resources, and nurturing relations with local Lutheran pastors facing individual challenges to the faith. We are humbly grateful for your continued prayers and support. **Thank you!**

Your missionaries, Dan and Joan Jastram

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil”

(Eph. 6:11, First Sunday of Lent, Liturgical Verse).

To support this LCMS mission work:

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Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting 3/20/24

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Not approved at time of April newsletter printing

- I. Call to Order & Devotion-Vicar Wessel opened with prayer. Members present: Doug Schley, Benjamin Wessel, Julie Harnisch, Larry Schnabel, Shannon Bartscher, Eric Schramm, Adam Schulz, Russell Whaley, Loren Wegehaupt, Larry Weigandt, Mark Nagel, Chris Wehrmann, Travis Schnabel, John Fink, Pastor Grimmer, Diane Sullivan
- II. Congregation Member Comments -none. Presentation: Brad Zomer from First National Insurance Company presented options regarding risk and liability insurance for the church, the new fellowship hall, the parsonages and the 4th street property. Council asked questions and had discussion about the proposal. Motion made by Eric to accept what was presented with the following changes: personal property at Sawgrass parsonage from proposed \$70,000 to \$30,000, personal property at 13th street parsonage from proposed \$38,000 to \$15,000, personal property at 4th street property from \$38,000 to \$15,000 and replacement coverage from \$395,000 to \$195,000. Larry W 2nd, motion carried.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda-Larry W made motion to adopt agenda, Adam 2nd, motion carried.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Secretary's Report -Adam made motion to accept secretary's report, Chris 2nd, motion carried.
 - B. Treasurer's Report - Shannon reported from the spreadsheet in packet. Adam made motion to accept treasurer's report, Travis 2nd, motion carried.
 - C. Financial Secretary's Report - Eric reported on a proposal for a Vanguard money market and was reviewed by council. Loren W reviewed church accounts at First National Bank. There was discussion regarding the other church accounts of various groups which are at First National Bank on whether to change them to the money market accounts in order to get a better return. Motion made by Eric to allow Loren W to continue to create money market accounts with Vanguard per proposal in handout with changes as seen on the attached page. Adam 2nd the motion, motion carried. Eric added to the motion to add the Jason Whaley account to money market accounts as its own account. Adam 2nd, motion carried.
 - D. Pastor Grimmer's Report-Pastor presented a proposal for GreaterGoods which is run by Volunteers of America. They take overstock items from various businesses and make them available to nonprofits for a discount of 75% off of value of the item. The products are all brand new items. The store is in Sioux Falls. The items purchased need to be used for the church. There is no cost to sign up. A motion was made by Doug to sign up Zion, Travis 2nd, motion carried.
- E. Board Reports
 1. Youth & Parish Education - Julie reported that the theme for VBS is "Monumental". No dates have yet been set for VBS, but expected to be toward the end of July. The Vicar placement service is on April 23rd and the congregation can watch together at the church. There will be confirmation reception on April 24th followed by Vicar Greenmyer call service watch party. May 8th is the last Faith Foundations with a wrap up event to be held on May 15th. It's being looked into to ask DCE Schmitt from Yankton to come Mitchell for a presentation. April 28th is confirmation.

Church Council (continued)

2. Elders

a. Official Acts being reported-Transferred in: Nick & Sam Martinez from LCMS Our Saviour, Great Bend, KS, Rune Albrecht - missed receiving him when parents joined in 2022, Ken & Bev Soyk from LCMS Faith Lutheran, Parkston. Received by confirmation Cadee Keiper on 2/28/24. Baptisms: Wyatt Dorris, parents Justin & Leah Dorris on February 11, 2024. Deaths/Funerals: member Della Schulz-died 1/29/24-funeral 2/2/24 and non-member Trey Lunder-died on 2/11/24-funeral 2/15/24

b. Issues brought to Elders by members to report to council-none

c. There will be a men's retreat with Jeff Hemmer at Campfire Cabins in the Black Hills on August 15-17. On May 9-10, 2025, Wolfmueller will be coming. The Elders are planning to have a neighborhood block party in May. The Vicar placement party will be April 23rd. Updates to the inactive process are being worked on. Also, the proposed assisting pastor is being worked on. The Elders had a discussion regarding the alter guild having their own checking account and they feel the alter guild shouldn't need their own checking account as their expenses are all church related and nothing should be out of pocket expenses. Thrivent Choice works the same way. These two groups will be contacted.

3. Trustees

a. Larry W reported that service has been removed from the storage garage in order for it to be moved. On Maundy Thursday, the Easter display will be put up on the side of the church.

b. Eric discussed the quote of \$1,900 from Viking Glass to replace stain glass on narthex doors. Eric made motion to put in gray tinted low E glass. There was more discussion regarding the options for the doors. A motion by Doug to have trustees look into panic bars for new doors in the narthex. Eric volunteered to do research into panic bar for doors Travis 2nd, motion carried.

1. Committee Reports

2. Stewardship Committee - Adam is acting stewardship chair as Stuart is resigning as he is moving out of town. Education will be presented to the congregation on what stewardship is. A Spring cleaning day will be set up. An event for young women in the congregation is being discussed.

3. Building Planning Committee- Adam reported that the loan application will be completed after insurance papers are sent. Fund raising ideas are being discussed. A golf tournament fund raiser will again be held this year which will be on August 11th. A congregational loan program as a fund raiser with zero percent interest was discussed. The council to recommend and bring to the voters Recognition for money/work/items donated for the new addition was discussed. It was decided that a generalized recognition will be done for donors of money/work/items.

V. Business

A. Unfinished Business

1. Records organized/placed in filing cabinet -being done and is ongoing

Church Council (continued)

2. Shred documents no longer needed - being done and is ongoing
3. Proposal to add an assisting pastor - Proposal will be presented at voters meeting

B. New Business

1. Set agenda for April voters meeting, publish in newsletter
2. April is National Volunteer Month – would you like to recognize the volunteers at Zion (the Boards, Committees, the LWML, Altar Guild) maybe a thank you in the newsletter or thank you after a church service - Russ will give Tamra information to put in the newsletter and the bulletins.
3. Russ thanked council for helping with Lent meal tonight. \$500 was raised and will be donated to the Mitchell school lunch program to help students who have a negative balance.

VI. Next Council meeting – Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:30 pm

VII. Adjournment & Prayer-A motion to adjourn was made by Adam, 2nd by Travis, motion carried. The meeting was closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Diane , Council Secretary

Zion Lutheran Money Market 3/20/2024

Vanguard Money Market(s)

Endowment Fund 24,180.13

New Building-\$54,1881.26 (moved from Thrivent)
Farmers State Bank CD (moved after 6/25/2024)

General Fund

All but 20K in First National Checking
Thrivent General

Zion Special LCEF Pastors Choice, Pastors Ed, Video & Audio, Ministry
Jayson Whaley Outreach Mission Fund

First National Bank of Omaha

\$20,000 working balance. (this account will be used for daily deposits and bills)

Lutheran Church Extension Fund

(stay at LCEF and they will move out of CD to Checking to pay construction bills, they are waving the interest penalty for this)

CD-Wegehaupt New Construction \$727,425.39
CD-New Construction 2018 \$47,112.76
CD-New BLDG Restricted \$26,560.38

.....Zion Congregational News.....

Fellowship Opportunities in April

Tuesday, April 23rd at 5:30pm

Vicarage Service Watch Party Potluck

Zion will be assigned another vicar for 2024-25! You are invited to gather in the basement fellowship hall for a potluck meal while watching the service livestreamed from Concordia Theological Seminary in FortWayne, Indiana. Bring a dish to share and find out which seminarian we will welcome to our congregation this summer!

Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30 pm

Confirmation Recognition and Call Service Celebration

Come to a special Faith Foundations evening recognizing our confirmation students. Food will be served at 5:30, then certificates will be presented to the confirmands. At 6 pm we will view the Call service to witness our former vicar, Joseph Greenmyer, receive a divine call to be pastor in the Lord's church and learn where he will serve. All are welcome to attend! *Both services can be viewed on or after the day they occur by visiting the Concordia Theological Seminary website(ctsfw.edu/callday).

Congregational News

Lutheran Witness

As a result of the synod vote to end the current policy of congregation paying for the subscriptions to the Lutheran Witness, the last issue sent directly to members homes will be March 2024. The Church Council wanted to still make the Lutheran Witness available to the Zion members. Due to costs involved, they decided to have the Lutheran Witnesses sent directly to the church starting with the April issue. We are starting with 125 issues each month. We will have them available in the narthexes. We will also print out the district inserts for you. We will announce when they arrive monthly. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.



Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in Kentucky

Final Call ... deadline to register is March 29

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings is inviting our youth to join them on their trip to the Ark Encounter on June 2-7.

This is for youth who will have completed 7th grade through those who have completed 12th grade in 2024 & chaperones.

Please let Pastor Grimmer know if you are interested or would like more details.

Save the Date

Faith Foundations
Year End Gathering
May 15

Neighborhood Block Party
May 29

Zion Golf Tournament
August 11

Men's Retreat
August 16-18

A Special Thank You

Zion Lutheran Church would like to express our sincere gratitude to Kerri Lutjens for teaching CPR to seven of our members. She did a wonderful job and we are so thankful for her expertise and kindness!



Blood Drive

Thanks so much for taking the time out of your busy schedules to be a donor at our February 22nd Blood Drive. The following Zion members donated: John Jerke, Carolyn Klinkhammer, Douglas Nelson, Kari Olson, Alan Rickel, Lyla Sigmund and Larry Weigandt. We collected 14 units, saving 42 lives. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Your coordinators, Lavonne Konrad, Gwen Rothenberger & Thela Hanson

KFC & Senior Youth Bowling

For the first time this year, KFC and Zion Senior Youth got together to have fun and enjoy the day with a few sets of Bowling!! The youth of Zion knocked down some pins and enjoyed a few frames as the two groups got together at Village Bowl. The groups (KFC and Senior Youth) plan on more events where they get together for comradery and friendly competition!

There are only a few more youth events planned before summer. The leaders of the groups will be working diligently to plan events that promote an attitude of service and commitment.

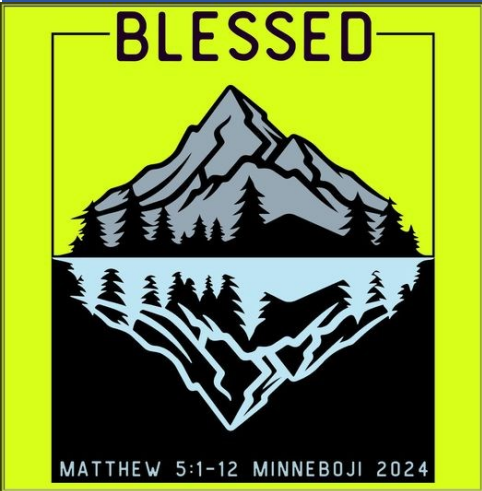
All the youth of Zion thank you for your support and care.

Rob Ewing

KFC
April 14 at 2:00pm
Swimming
*Please bring \$5



Congregational News



Camp Minneboji

Registration for Camp Minneboji is open! Camp will be held June 16-22nd near Milford, Iowa. Campers must have completed grades 4-8, with Honors camp available for those having completed grade 9. More details can be found on their website: <https://sddlcms.org/service-areas/youth-service-area/>

All registration is handled online, and early bird pricing expires April 1st. Zion helps cover a portion of camper fees through participation in Kids for Christ. (Zion will not cover additional fees if paid after April 1st.)

Please let Erin Amick know if your child will be attending, and if you have any questions. (605-999-0012)

LWML

All women of Zion are invited to participate in the Circle of their choice.

April 2

Lydia Circle 1:30pm
Topic Leader Marjean Moeller
Hostess Lois Brech

April 4

Dorcas Circle 7:00pm
Topic Leader Carma Popp
Hostess Carla Schuldt



April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers on boards, committees, and the many, many things that are done around the Church & Parsonages, that keep things going and in good shape. We would not be able to accomplish all that we do without the dedication of all of you, who give of your time and talents, so that we can continue to move forward in the work that God has called us to do as a congregation. But just as important as that is, the fact we do what needs to be done with the love, and caring of a family with the single purpose of support and helpfulness of our brothers & sisters in Christ, and the growth of God's Church and as we grow there are always more opportunities to help. So again I would like to thank all who have volunteered in the past, present, and will in the future. Know that you are appreciated.

In God's Rich Blessings
Russell Whaley, Congregation Chairman



We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Those Serving in April

	April 7 - 8am	April 7 - 10:30am
Head Usher	Marvin Strand	Travis Schnabel
Ushers	Alan Rickel Jeff Schuldt Larry Stolz	Mark Nagel Luke Nagel Shawn Nagel
Acolytes	Emma Fischer Isaac Fischer	Malachi Hagemann Lydia Smith
	April 14 - 8am	April 14 - 10:30am
Head Usher	Russ Whaley	Loren Brech
Ushers	Adam Schulz Josh Schultz Chris Fischer	Chris Foster Alex Foster Larry Weigandt
Acolytes	Levi Hinker Maci Wudel	Sydney Keenan John Keenan
	April 21 - 8am	April 21 - 10:30am
Head Usher	Chris Wehrmann	Adam Popp
Ushers	Frank Luczak Frank Luczak Jr. Alan Rickel	Carter Popp Chad Popp Larry Schnabel
Acolytes	Grayson Van Oort Jonah Iburg	Lucy Thompson Eli Konrad
Confirmation	April 28 - 8am	April 28 - 10:30am
Head Usher	Bryan Flanagan	Russ Whaley
Ushers	Zack Flanagan Nathan Flanagan Chris Wehrmann	Carl Bode Rob Ewing Rod Neugebauer
Acolytes	Haylen Buchholtz Carla Keiper	Christian Foster Charlie Patzer

Please take a moment to check the schedule.

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please find a replacement.



Thank you!

Usher Meeting
April 7
7:00 pm

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Easter Monday – Offices Closed 1pm Quilting 5:30pm LifeLight Bible Study	2 7:30am Women's Bible Study 9:30am Staff Mtg 1:30pm Lydia Circle	3 1pm COFFEE Bible Study 6pm Faith Foundations 7:30pm Board of Education	4 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Dorcas Circle	5 Office Closed Pastor/Vicar's Day Off	6
7 8am Divine Service 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School for K-1 10:30am Divine Service 1pm Financial Peace University 7pm Usher Meeting/Training	8 9:30am Staff Mtg 5:30pm LifeLight Bible Study	9 7:30am Women's Bible Study	10 1pm COFFEE Bible Study 6pm Faith Foundations 7:30pm Elder Meeting	11 7am Men's Bible Study 4pm Building Committee	12 Office Closed Pastor/Vicar's Day Off	13
14 8am Divine Service 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School for K-1 10:30am Divine Service 1pm Financial Peace University 2pm KFC Swimming	15 9:30am Staff Mtg 1pm Quilting 5:30pm LifeLight Bible Study	16 7:30am Women's Bible Study	17 1pm COFFEE Bible Study 6pm Faith Foundations 7:30pm Council Mtg	18 Newsletter Articles Due 7am Men's Bible Study	19 Office Closed Pastor/Vicar's Day Off	20
21 8am Divine Service 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School for K-1 10:30am Divine Service 1pm Financial Peace University 4pm Church Reserved Schulz	22 9:30am Staff Mtg 2pm Service @ Countryside 4pm Service @ Wesley Acres 5:30pm LifeLight Bible Study	23 7:30am Women's Bible Study 8:45am Newsletter Assembly 5:30pm Vicarage Placement & Potluck 7pm Regular Voters Meeting	24 1pm COFFEE Bible Study 6pm Faith Foundations 5:30pm Confirmation Reception 6pm Seminarian Call Service	25 7am Men's Bible Study 4pm Building Committee	26 Office Closed Pastor/Vicar's Day Off	27
28 CONFIRMATION 8am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School for K-1 9:30am Basement Reserved Smith 10:30am Divine Service	29 9:30am Staff Meeting 5:30pm LifeLight Bible Study	30 7:30am Women's Bible Study	Zion Lutheran Church · www.ZionMitchell.org · 620 E 3 rd Ave · Mitchell, SD 57301 · 605-996-7530 · office@zionmitchell.org			

