



September 4: Youth Family BBQ at 6:00 PM & Youth Board Meeting at 8:00 PM

September 11: Catechism and High School Bible Study Begin and will meet Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 PM

September 18: 3rd Yr. Catechism Class meets at the Dahl Art Center 5:30-8:00 PM

September 22: Youth Gathering Information Meeting at 11:45 AM

September 25: 3rd Yr. Catechism Class meets at the Dahl Art Center 5:30-8:00 PM

YOUTH FAMILY BBQ

BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT

Meet us in the backyard at Zion and bring a chair or picnic blanket too

Join us for an evening of food and fellowship as we kick off another year of Youth Ministry at Zion! We'll be sharing some information about Catechism, High School Bible Study, Summer trips and more!

**SEPT 4TH
6.00 PM**

Youth AND Parents AND younger siblings are encouraged to attend!

JOIN US...

Welcome back to

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, September 8th at 9:30
Zion Lutheran Church, School & Preschool

Classes available for age 3-Adult!

WICKS Widows In Christ Know Salvation

The WICKS get to enjoy being together again on September 22 at 12:30pm. Carlene Hennies will welcome us at Copper Ridge, which is located at 2038 Promise Rd. We will meet in the community room. Bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share.

See you there!

If you have any questions & would like to join us, call Sharon Hilgemeier at 605-719-9419.

Let's Have Lunch TOGETHER



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Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

– Hebrews 12:1-3

The theme for our 2024-2025 school year at Zion is ENDURE. Running the race of life can be trying at times. We will all hit bumps along the road. Some bumps are small: a bad grade, a fender-bender, a never-ending house project. But some bumps are bigger: a cancer diagnosis, a house fire, the loss of a loved one.

We cannot control what comes our way. But we can control our reaction. We can choose to react to the unfortunate with anger, fear, and despair. Or, we can choose to react with joy, trust, and hope. We can choose to give up. Or we can choose to endure.

Choosing to be positive when your world is falling apart is no easy task. It requires training and patience. It demands a great amount of strength – strength that, quite frankly, you and I don't have.

But I know someone who does. Jesus was faced with the cross, where He knew there would be great pain and suffering. He knew that His closest disciples would abandon Him. He knew the hostility He would endure at the hands of the very people He had come to save. Yet knowing all this He looked at the cross with JOY. Joy because He knew that through the cross, He would reunite a fallen humanity to our loved Father and Creator.

It's by His strength that we endure. And in Him, we not only endure, but we rejoice in the suffering that is before us. We rejoice not only in the Christ-given ability to face the bumps in the road, but also in the fact that we are not running the race alone. We endure with Christ Jesus. We endure with that great cloud of witnesses who came before us. And we endure with one another. You see, Jesus not only connected us to our Father God, but He connected us to the church of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Through this school year, ENDURE. Endure with joy in the knowledge that you are not alone. Endure with trust in a God who loves you through His Son Jesus Christ. Endure with hope that in Christ every weight and sin will be cast aside on that day when you and I finish the race.

Your Servant Along the Way,
Pastor Bryan Meadows

The church office and school will be closed on Monday, September 2, for Labor Day.



THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (a.k.a LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSIONS) HAS A BUSY MONTH IN SEPTEMBER.

SEPT. 7 IS THE LWML S. D. DISTRICT CHRISTIAN GROWTH WORKSHOP AT DIVINE SHEPHERD, BLACK HAWK. TOPIC: GOD

GIVES GOD GIFT BAGS. PASTOR STURZENBECKER IS THE PRESENTER. (SEE THE LWML RACK BY THE DOOR FOR MORE DETAILS.)

SEPT. 14 IS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE 2024-25 YEAR. THEME IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE INGATHERING WILL BE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR ZION TEACHERS' WISH LIST:

WIGGLY EYES, POMPOMS, BLUE STICKY TACK, BRADS, STICKY NOTES, ZIPLOCK BAGGIES-SNACK, SANDWICH & GALLON SIZE, PENCILS/PENS, PAPER PLATES-SMALL & LARGE, BALLOONS, BUTTONS, COTTON BALLS, FEATHERS, MUFFIN LINERS, WAX PAPER, ALUMINUM FOIL, Q-TIPS, ENVELOPES, BAND-AIDS, CONTACT PAPER, CLEAR PACKING TAPE, DIXIE CUPS-SMALL SIZE, SHARPIE MARKERS, MASKING TAPE, POPSICLE STICKS, LARGE AND SMALL SAFETY PINS.

COLLEEN MURPHY AND CINDY PURTELL WILL SHARE INFORMATION FROM THE SD LWML CONVENTION IN JUNE.

SEPT. 28 WILL BE THE ZONE FALL RALLY AT ZION. WE WILL PROVIDE THE LUNCH. MORE INFO COMING!

ALL WOMEN OF ZION ARE MEMBERS OF LWML AFTER THEY ARE CONFIRMED. WE HOPE MORE OF YOU WILL BECOME ACTIVE AND ATTEND OUR MEETINGS

Your Church Choir is making plans to begin its 2024-2025 singing season on Thursday evening, October 3, and we need your help. We need singers. . . new members who love the Lord, who can follow the ups and downs of the music score, and perhaps who have sung in a choir sometime in their life.

We need accompanists. . . pianists or organists who can practice with the choir and attend worship services when the choir sings. all who are committed to practicing one hour per week on a Thursday evening and who look forward to spending time together with other dedicated members in service to our God and fellow worshippers.

For your convenience there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Feel free to contact Ken Palmreuter at 303-908-5039 with suggestions or questions.



Beginning September 8
Worship Services at 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM
Fellowship 9-9:30 AM
Sunday School, Adult Bible Study,
and Catechism Classes 9:30-10:30 AM

Community Ministry of Zion

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One of the community ministries of Zion Lutheran Church is through Cornerstone Rescue Mission. CRM is privately funded, non-denominational, tax-exempt non-profit that daily serves the physical and spiritual needs of the poverty-stricken and homeless of our community. They have effectively done so for many years. Most of their support for this work comes from individual donors. Many of those served have gone on to lead fulfilling, independent lives and contribute back to the community in many ways.

Our ministry to the CRM community is to prepare and serve meals monthly. We are one of several groups that volunteer to do this. A small group from Zion, headed by Bill and Ruth Kudera prepare and serve supper every 2nd Wednesday and 5th Monday of the month. Each month Bill and Ruth plan, purchase, and prepare delicious and nutritious meals to feed approximately 100 people at approximate \$1.00, or less, per serving. Approximately 25 man-hours are given each meal by Bill, Ruth, and the rest of their team. A meal usually consists of a main course, such as chicken or meatloaf, a couple of sides, (perhaps mashed potatoes and green beans), buttered bread, salad, and an assortment of desserts. Feeding South Dakota helps keep costs down by providing food at a very reduced cost, but groceries must still be supplemented with some items bought on the open market.

The cost is, of course, a great concern. This ministry to provide meals is not a line item in our church budget, but is supported by 1/3 of our Thanksgiving Day offering, and also by your gifts designated for this purpose. One way Thrivent members can help is by applying for a Thrivent Action Team grant to donate to this ministry. Consider speaking to your Thrivent representative about ways that funds can be provided. Every contribution makes a difference in a life.

We pray that we are a blessing to the people at Cornerstone in more than just feeding their stomachs. In preparing and serving this meal, we show that we care about them. They love to see our group coming, because it means a very satisfying meal served by people who smile and greet them. We receive words of gratitude and blessing from many of these hungry people. We try to "be like Jesus with skin on" in order to remind them of His love.

If you're interested in knowing more about this ministry, please speak to Bill or Ruth Kudera, Pat Valenti, or Jan Meadows.

PTL

Parent Teacher League

Zion's PTL meets the first school Monday of the month at 3:15pm at Zion.

Parents/grandparents are welcome to join!
PTL hosts fellowship events and fundraisers throughout the year.



WE ARE SELLING COOKIE DOUGH!

SEPT. 16 THRU SEPT. 30

Join us for Zion Night at Pizza Ranch!

(Stumer Road location)



September 10th from 5:00pm-8:00pm

Zion students will be there to greet you, bus tables and help out!

A portion of all sales will go to the Christ's Way Capital Campaign to expand our ministry!

Hint: Buy a Scrip card for Pizza Ranch ahead of time and Zion will benefit twice!

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P.S. Each table will have tip jars, so bring your cash to tip our kiddos for their excellent service!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE



Zion Lutheran School and Preschool began the school year with 175 students. We still have a few spots available in some of our classrooms. If you know of parents who might be interested in enrolling their child for the 2024-2025 school year, please have them contact Mrs. Solinsky, 342-5749. We offer small class size with maximum 16 in each preschool class, 15 in kindergarten, and 22 in each grade school class. (1st & 3rd Grades are full.)

As we start another school year, it is good to review and focus on our purpose at Zion School and Preschool:

Mission Statement

Knowing Jesus, Growing in Faith, Serving with Love

Philosophy

God has established Zion Lutheran School and Preschool for these reasons: To share the Gospel, to provide Christian education, to worship and serve, to accept and encourage, and to put teamwork into action.

ZION'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- * **By Knowing Jesus, we develop the kind of Christ-like character that will make the graduates of our school Christian leaders in the church and world.**
- * **By Growing in Faith, we maintain the highest standards of academic excellence in elementary school education integrated with, and related to, the teachings of God's Word.**
- * **By Serving with Love, we provide an environment for children to discover, develop, and use their God-given talents in service to others and to His glory.**
- * **By Serving with Love, we partner with parents in leading their children to successful, useful and purposeful living.**

Adopt A Student

This year Zion Lutheran School has several families and single parent families who are in need of financial assistance as they strive to give their children a Christian Education. The Board of Christian Education approves assistance with parents paying at least half of the cost and volunteering time for the church or school. If you would be willing to assist these parents on a monthly basis or with a one-time contribution, please contact Ann Solinsky at school 342-5749. Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we continue with Zion's mission to "Share the Gospel"

School office hours are from 7:30am-4:00pm for administration and 7:45am-3:30pm for teachers.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Box Tops for Education- Zion church and school families will be able to scan their receipts with their phones for Box Top codes to Zion Lutheran School.

Forms for the **SCRIP** Program are available in the office. This program allows you to put money toward your child's tuition or make donations to our church or school, from companies that you shop at on a regular basis. Contact Hope Genzlinger or the School Office for further information (342-5749 or hope.genzlinger@zionrc.org or ZionSchoolSec@zionrc.org)



Important Sept. Dates for Calendar

Sept. 2	No School - Labor Day
Sept. 3	Board of Christian Education Meeting
Sept. 9	PTL Meeting @ 3:15PM
Sept. 10	Pizza Ranch Fundraiser 5-8PM
Sept. 11	School pictures
Sept. 12	School pictures
Sept. 16-30	PTL Cookie Dough Sale