



ZION

Lutheran Church

Serving Christ by Sharing God's Love

July 30, 2023 - 9th Sunday After Pentecost



“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” - Matthew 13:31-32

Order of Worship

Sunday—9:30 AM

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| Prelude | Offering / Noisy Offering |
| Welcome and Announcements | * Offertory - <i>Change My Heart, O God</i> (ELW #801) |
| * Invocation, Confession & Forgiveness, p. 94 | * Offertory Prayer |
| * Gathering Hymn - <i>Gather Us In</i> (ELW #532) | * Prayers of Intercession |
| * Apostolic Greeting | * Lord's Prayer (sung) |
| * <i>Kyrie</i> , pg. 147 | * Benediction |
| * <i>Hymn of Praise</i> , pg. 148 | * Sending Hymn - <i>In Thee Is Gladness</i> (ELW #867) |
| Prayer of the Day | * Dismissal |
| Scripture - 1 Kings 3:5-12 | |
| Psalms 119:129-136 | |
| Scripture - Romans 8:26-39 | |
| Children's Message | |
| * Gospel Acclamation, p. 151 | |
| * Gospel - Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 | |
| Sermon | |
| * Hymn of the Day - <i>Be Thou My Vision</i> (ELW #793) | |
| * Apostle's Creed | |
| * Peace | |

* *Please stand as able*

Children's Activity Bags are available for use during worship services. The bags are located in the Narthex on the stand next to the bulletins.

Online Connection Card

For Guests and Members—[Here](https://ziongr.org), scan QR code or at ziongr.org. Prayer requests, contact info, communion records. (Prayer chain can also call 326-8553.)



Worship Reflection Questions

Matthew 13

- How many parables does Jesus tell in our Gospel reading for today?
- What do we learn about the kingdom of God of heaven from these parables?
- Which one is your favorite? Why?
- How valuable is the kingdom of heaven in your life?

Endowment Funds are now available!

Bring your ministry ideas to an endowment committee member or submit an application for your project. (Available in the office.) Members are: Dick Rohloff, Paula Ross, Ann Godfrey & Jason Anderson

Zion's Open Closet Thursdays | 12-5pm



**All donations are still accepted.
Especially Children's clothing, blankets, sheets & towels!**

breeze Member Directories

The most current directory is always available online through Breeze. You can edit your basic contact info (address, phone, email), upload new photos, see giving and volunteer info, etc. For questions or to email a photo: andy@ziongr.org.

Create an account at <https://ziongr.breezechms.com/login/create>.

BREEZE now has the capability to accept financial donations to Zion.

Login to Breeze, go to the MORE tab under the dropdown menu and select Give Now.

YOUTH STUFF

Summer Youth Events - Grades 6-12

JULY

Sun. 7/30 1 pm | Mississippi Kayak Trip *(Details on opposite page)*

AUGUST

Fri. 8/4 2pm-12am* | City on the Hill Festival *(Details on opposite page)*

Wed. 8/9, 6:30-8pm | Bonfire @ Zion

Sun. 8/13 - TBD

Wed. 8/23 - 6:30-8pm | Summer Wrap-up @ Zion

Giving Tree for July

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Help children and adults in third world countries and refugee camps continue learning in the face of serious obstacles.

Items Needed:

4 – 70 sheet notebooks

1 - 12" ruler

1 - pencil sharpener

1 - blunt scissor

1 – 2.5" eraser

16 or 24ct. Crayons

5 - unsharpened #2 pencils

5 - black or blue ink pens (not gel)

For more info call Fay Klande 218.256.8295



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Congregational Life

Kayak trip down the Mississippi!



TODAY!!!

Meet at 1pm in YMCA parking lot

To reserve a kayak text

Kjel 218.910.8181 or

Trudy 218.244.1347

**Zion Men at
Second Harvest Food Bank**

**Tuesday, Aug. 11
8:00-11am**



Bible Study Retreat

Wed. Aug. 8 | 9:30am-2pm

- Study From WELCA Gather magazine.
- Copies available in Library or on day of retreat.
- All women are invited.
- Carpool from Zion 9am, meet near garage.

Event at Audrey Erdman's House, 19846 N. Sherry's Arm Rd.

RSVP to Audrey by Aug. 1

audrey8739@gmail.com | 218.999.9459

God's work. Our hands.

Worship Volunteers

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Can you help us out?

To fill OPEN spots or get signup emails, contact office@ziongr.org or 326-8553.

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Sun. 9:30	July 30	August 6
Ushers	Bev Johnson, Hunter Monson, Bailey Monson, Open	Brad Smith, 3 Open
Reader	Glenna Olson	Michele Smith
A/V Booth	Gordon Winkler	Gordon Winkler
Coffee Crew	Amy O'Shea, Dakota Monson	Open
Communion		
Children's Message	Open	Open

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

Wandering
Reindeer
Bazaar



Saturday
November 4,
2023

BOOKS & PUZZLES NEEDED!

PLEASE START SAVING YOUR BOOKS AND PUZZLES FOR THE UPCOMING WANDERING REINDEER BAZAAR.

WANTED: FICTION - NON FICTION - COOK BOOKS - HOW TO'S - ETC.

NOT WANTED: DICTIONARIES, THESAURUSES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS, TEXT BOOKS OR ANYTHING MUSTY

WE'LL START COLLECTING IN SEPTEMBER. - IF QUESTIONS CALL ANN AT 218-259-5548

A message from Tiina:

Thanks so much for the lovely retirement reception and gift of the beautiful dragonfly quilt plus other gifts. I am so grateful to have served Zion in the office and will miss our interactions, but I'll see you around!

Blessings, Tiina Eidelbes :)



SUMMER

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a mid-week Summer worship service. We will gather in the chapel, beginning at 6 PM... with ice cream afterwards!

Zion Finance Update—June 2023

Thanks so much for your continued support!

Monthly Summary (* General Fund Expense due to reconciling Ren. Zion - April \$50k payment)

Account	Budgeted Need	Received	Expense	Actual Variance
General Fund	\$37,050	\$25,524	\$25,034	\$490
Building Fund	\$7,810	\$4,348	\$7,810	-\$3,462
Renewing Zion	\$8,071	\$25,813		\$17,742
Mission Support (ELCA)	\$2,552	\$1,115		-\$1,437

Year-to-Date Summary

General Fund	\$222,298	\$200,582	\$251,939	-\$51,358
Building Fund	\$46,860	\$35,431	\$46,860	-\$11,429
Ren. Zion (Current Bal)	\$55,689	\$95,795		\$40,106
Mission Support (ELCA)	\$20,058	\$8,527		-\$11,532

Debt

Account	Balance
ELCA Mission Investment Fund (MIF) Loan	\$1,184,612
Honeywell Loans—New Boiler/Water Heater/AC	\$193,696

Zion's Weekly Calendar

Sun. July 30

9:30am Worship & Livestream (S)

1-5pm Mississippi Kayak Trip
(Meet @ YMCA)

Wed. August 2

3:30-5:30pm Cancer Support Group
(CH)

6pm Wednesday Worship followed by
Ice Cream (CH & N)

*Room Key: S=Sanctuary, CH=Chapel, CLC=Christian Life Center/Gym, K=CLC Kitchen,
L=Library, FH=Fellowship Hall, MR= Music Room, YR=Youth Room, N=Narthex/Lobby,
CR=Office Conference Room, LR=Living Room, BR=CLC Ball Room*

Thurs. August 3

12-5pm Open Closet (210-212)

Sun. August 6

9:30am Worship & Livestream (S)

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are
welcome in our faith community.

NE MN Synod ELCA

nemnsynod.org; facebook.com/groups/639171292861658

EcoFaith: nemnsynod.org/ecofaith.html

Mental Health: nemnsynod.org/mental-health-resources.html

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July 30

Ross Larson

August 6

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